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March Meeting 1865

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the sixth day of March next; at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles - viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

3 To choose a Member of the School Committee for three years, in place of the retiring member of said Committee

Warrant Mar 6th 1865

4th To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and act thereon

5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year; and make appropriations of the same

6 To see if the Town will vote to make a discount to such persons as shall make voluntary payment of their taxes for the ensuing year. prior to specified times, and if any, how much

7th To hear the report of any outstanding Committee, and act thereon

Specifications

8th To determine the manner of repairing Highways, Townways and Bridges. the year ensuing.

9th To revise the list of Jurors.

10th To see if the Town will allow Charles Bingham, to take gravel from the Bank which the Town owns. by letting the Town have as much in the rear -

11th To see if the Town will give the hireing of Teachers into the hands of the District agents, or act anything relating thereto ; -

To choose any Committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster. the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting - Hereof fail not; and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty five

George W Howe)
Jona Whitcomb (Selectmen of Lancaster
S D Merrick)

1865 March Meeting Continued

Worcester ss

Lancaster Mar 6th 1865

Return I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at So Mh Lancaster the North Village and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

Proceedings of Meeting March 6th 1865.

The voters assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk at one O'clock and after the reading of the warrant the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator and elected

Solon Whiting Moderator

After which the following Town Officers were elected for the ensuing year. viz

Town Clerk J L S Thompson Town Clerk

Treasurer L A Pollard Treasurer

Selectmen Jona Bullrich, S R Merrick, L L Farwell } Selectmen

Assessors Sewell Day, Chas J Wilder, Stedman Nourse } Assessors

Constables Joel Wilder, S H Turner } Constables

Highway Surveyors

Jacob Willard 3	Otis Fletcher 3
Franklin Davis	A S Boynton
Lyman Carr	George Howard 3
John Cunninghams	Stevens H Turner 3
Thomas F Wood	Noah Worcester
Henry Hanson	Oliver W Carter 3

Field Drivers

Charles Fletcher	Frederick F Johnson
S A Sibley	William F Wood
Levi P Wood jr	Foster Houghton
Sumner W Keyes	Oliver W Carter
Edward W Dimond	Albert Nicherson

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March Meeting Continued

Measurers of Wood

b A Pollard 3	Barney S Phelps
John Bennitt 3	Aaron O Wilder
Warren Davis	Joel W Phelps 3
Solon Whiting 3	Arba Estey

Measurers of Wood

Auditing Committee

Auct Com — Henry Wilder — S J S Rose — Silas Thurston

Surveyors of Lumber

Surv of Lumber — Arba Estey — Joel W Phelps 3 — Stedman Mourse

Fence Viewers

Fence Viewers — A D Farnsworth 3 — Silas Thurston 3 — John Bennitt

Sealer of Leather

Sealer of Leather — Joseph H Dudley

Culler of Staves

Cull of Staves — Joseph Maynard

Vaccinating Committee

Vac Committee — J L S Thompson — Right Cummings — Dr Lyon

Fire Wards

George W Howe	Sewell T Rugg
Stevens H Turner	Thomas B Warren
A P Boynton	N B Hawkins
Solon Whiting	George A Johnson
Joseph H Dudley	

Fire Wards

Sch Committee — Voted To defer the Choice of School Committee to the adjournment of this meeting

Selectmens Report — The Selectmen made a Report by their Chairman
Voted That the same be accepted and printed

Overseers Report — Report of Overseers of the Poor
Voted That it be accepted and printed

Treasurers Report — Report of Town Treasurer
Voted That it be accepted and printed

Raising Money — Voted To defer the raising of money to the adjournment of this meeting

Discount on Taxes — Voted To defer the subject of discount on taxes to the adjournment of this meeting

Surveyors Highway Reports — Voted That the Reports of Highway Surveyors be defered to the adjournment

1865 — March Meeting Continued

Highway Tax — Voted That the Highways be repaired by a money tax

Repair of Bridges — Voted That the repair of Bridges be left in the hands of the Selectmen

Jurors — Voted That the revision of the list of Jurors be deferr'd to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted That the privilege asked for by Mr Bingham, be left to the Selectmen

Contracts with Teachers — Voted That contracts with Teachers for the ensuing year be left in the hands of the School Committee

Adjournment — Voted To adjourn to the First Monday in April, at One O'clock P M

A True copy — Solon Whiting Moderator

Attest — J L S Thompson Town Clerk

List of persons sworn by the Town Clerk viz

Noah Worcester	Highway Surveyor
Franklin Davis	" "
Lyman Carr	" "
Henry Hanson	" "
S A Sibley	Field Driver
Blakeman Squire	Asspsor

List of Jurors accepted by the Town Apr 3d 1865

John Albee	George W Howard
A J Bancroft	George A Johnson
Jona Burnell	Aaron Mossman
E W Burbank	J M Putney
D A Carter	Joel W Phelps
G F Chandler	George Stratton
J Cunningham	John F Musston
Rufus Eager	Aneil Tyler
John Fuller	Geo R Estes
Geo W Howe	Henry Wilder
Caleb Howard	Charles Wyman
N B Hawkins	Jacob Willard
Calvin Holman	

Geo W Howe, Jona Burnell, S R Merrick } Selectmen

1866 Adjournment of March Meeting

The voters assembled in accordance with time of adjournment and were called to order at 1 pm oclock by the Moderator.

The first business was the choice of School committee - Elected

School Com. To A Wilbourne School committee for three years

Voted to make the same discount on Taxes as last year viz 3 per ct before Oct. 10th

Jurors Voted to accept the list of jurors presented by the Selectmen

School Grant Voted to raise the sum of $2,000. Two Thousand dollars for Schools the ensuing year

Highway Grant Voted to raise the sum of One Thousand Dollars $1,000 for Highways. Eight Hundred Dollars to be apportioned among the Highway Surveyors - the balance to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen

Town Grant Voted to raise the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred Dollars $5,300,00 for the current expenses of the Town. the ensuing year

Librarian to Town Library Voted to appropriate Fifty Dollars annually to the Town Clerk so long as he shall serve as Librarian to the Town Library

Reports Accepted Auditing committee made a report which was accepted - after which it was Voted to accept the Reports of Town Treasurer - Selectmen - and Overseers of the Poor

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Solon Whiting - Moderator

A True copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk.

April Meeting Ap

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester greeting - In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Monday the Third day of April next at two Oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To see if the Town will purchase an Iron Safe to be placed in the Town Hall for the use of the Town Officers - or act thereon

3d To see what measures the Town will adopt for warming the Town Hall - or act relating to the same.

4th To see if the Town will construct an entrance to the basement upon the south side of the Hall - or act thereon -

5th To see if the Town will protect Henry Wilder in the use of the right of way over the Town land near the Barn of Charles L Wilder - or act in relation to the same

6th To see if the Town will permit the Landholders on the road from Mrs Polly Chandlers to Rogers Brook to make any alterations in the fences - or act in relation to the same

To choose any Committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster the North Village and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -
Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty five

Jona Bullard
S R Merrick (selectmen of Lancaster
L L Farwell)

Worcester ss

Lancaster Ap 3 1865

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster the North Village and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

April Meeting Ap 3d 1865

The meeting was called to order at 2 P.M. and the warrant read by the Clerk. after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator. Elected
Solon Whiting Moderator

Iron Safe — Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to procure an Iron Safe for the use of the Town

Voted to dispense with the reading of the School Report. Which was voted accepted

The Committee on Town Library made a report. voted accepted and the following chosen as Library Committee for the ensuing year viz

Library Committee — 4 Dr Bartol — A P Lawrence — Benj Whittemore
Marcus Ames — J L S Thompson — Henry Wilder
2 A Bullard

Voted to choose a Committee of three to examine the furnace in the Town Hall and if in their opinion necessary. to procure a new one
Committee on Furnace — Elected The Selectmen as said Committee

Entrance to Town Hall — Voted That the subject of an entrance to the Basement of the Town Hall on the south side of said Hall. be left to the Selectmen -

Town land near G L Wilders — Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to investigate the rights of the Town to hold a certain tract of land. near the barn of G L Wilder

Road near L L Farwells — Voted That the changes in the line of road near the house of Luv Farwell. asked for by Wm D Chandler and others. be allowed. and the request of G F Chandler be referred to the Selectmen. to report at some future meeting

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Solon Whiting Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

Lancaster Ap 17th 1865

To George W Howe

Appointment of Treasurer — The Office of Town Treasurer in this Town having become vacant by the death of the late Treasurer G A Bullard we the undersigned Selectmen of Lancaster. in conformity with the provisions of the statute. have appointed you Treasurer. and you are hereby notified of the same. and requested to enter upon the duties of that office

Jon[a] Bullard
S R Merrick } Selectmen of Lancaster
L L Farwell

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

1865 Liquor Agent

This is to certify that W H Newman having given bonds has been duly appointed by the Selectmen of Lancaster an Agent to purchase intoxicating Liquors, and to sell the same at his Shop in the Town of Lancaster, to be used for in the Arts, or for mechanical, Medicinal and Chemical purposes and no other under and in conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts See Chap 86 Sec 17

This appointment to continue for twelve months from the date hereof, unless sooner revoked by the Selectmen -

Said Agent shall receive a salary of One Hundred Dollars, which shall be in full for his said services or in that proportion for a less time

Dated at Lancaster this first day of May 1865

for[a] Bullrich
S R Merrick Selectmen of Lancaster
L L Farwell

Town Meeting May 20th 1865

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester ss

To either of the Constables in the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Saturday the twentieth day of May next at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2 To see what action the Town will take in relation to the National Fast appointed by the President of the United States on June first

3 To see what measures the Town will take to provide money to pay current expenses

4 To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to require a Town order for all money paid by him and require the Treasurer to account to the Selectmen for all money received by him, at the time it is received

5 To see if the Town will increase the pay of the Assessors or act relating to the same

6 To see if the Town will allow Mrs Dolly Chandler to make any alterations in the fence, on the main road near her house or act relating to the same -

To choose any Committees that may be thought necessary -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at at South Lancaster - the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House, in said Town over

Meeting in May Continued

Warrant

seven days at Least before the time for holding said meeting
Hereof fail not; and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this tenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty five

Jona Bullock
S R Merrick } Selectmen of Lancaster
L L Farwell

Worcester ss
Lancaster May 20th 1865

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

Proceedings of Town Meeting May 20th 1865

The voters assembled at the the Town Hall and the meeting was called to order at three oclock - and the warrant read by the Clerk - after which the meeting proceeded to vote for Moderator and elected

Hon Francis B Fay Moderator

National Fast

Under the second Art. the Rev & Mr Barrol presented a series of resolutions which were unanimously adopted - and ordered to be recorded - See Resolutions

Borrow Money

Under Art. 3 Voted that the Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of two thousand Dollars - for the use of the Town

4 Art. Voted to indefinitely postpone the 4th Art.

Art. 5 Voted to pay the Assessors two Dollars per day for time spent in Town service

Deed to Mrs Chandler

Art. 6th Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to Deed to Mrs Dolly Chandler so much land on her front as will enable her to make her front fence conform to the opposite corners -

Military Expenses

Mr H Wilder presented the following vote. Which was adopted - viz
Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to present a detailed report of the military expenses of the Town, for the past four years. the sums of money expended - when and to whom paid - and for what purpose
Voted to add to the above committee

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Francis B Fay Moderator

A true copy
Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

Resolutions adopted June 20th 1865 by the citizens of Lancaster on the assassination of President Lincoln

Whereas on the 14th day of April 1865 Abraham Lincoln, the venerated and beloved President of the U. S. was by an assassin suddenly assaulted and slain - the blow by which he fell being aimed not only at his life, but through him, at the life of the nation -

Therefore we the citizens of Lancaster, assembled according to warrant, in our usual place of public meeting, for the purpose of expressing our sense of this calamity to us in common with all the people of the land in which we live; do here by declare, that while we recognize in this event an appalling crime that has filled us with a grief, astonishment and indignation we cannot describe, we also acknowledge it to be one of those visitations permitted by the Supreme Disposer before which we bow in awe, with the prayer that it be overruled to the good of our whole country

Resolutions adopted June 20 on the assassination of President A Lincoln

Resolved that while we regard the act by which we have been plunged into the deepest affliction, as one of those crimes of indescribable malice, fury and ferocity, of which the civilized world has not for many centuries furnished a parallel, and of which our own history thus far has afforded no other example; we cannot but behold it as the natural development and culmination of treason and rebellion; and treason and rebellion as the legitimate offspring of that system of social wickedness which includes every crime against God and against man, and out of which all our great national offences and domestic alienations have, from the beginning of our government sprung

Resolved - that in recording our tribute to the memory of the late President; with profound sorrow for his loss, we do all, beyond all party prepossessions, honor and bless in him, an unselfishness of disposition and singleness of purpose, a gentleness, humanity and benevolence under great provocation, with an honesty of intention, an ardent patriotism, a fidelity to duty, and a growing mastery of the circumstances of his position, which enabled him, with the blessing and favor of God, to fulfil and bring to successful completion a work almost unprecedented for difficulty; - that in his removal at the moment in which his labors were being crowned with the triumph of the national authority and the evident approach of the blessings of peace, we see the completion of a career which the nation will ever look back to with thankfulness and hold in tender and affectionate remembrance -

Resolved that to Andrew Johnson his associate and successor we pledge our sympathy and support in the crisis of the affairs he is called upon to administer; and pray Almighty God to have him in his holy keeping, and to grant him abundantly the wisdom and strength which may be sufficient for him in the new position and amid the weighty responsibilities to which he has been so suddenly and unexpectedly summoned -

Resolved - that as citizens and without distinction of sect or party, we will together observe the 1st day of June next appointed under the national authority as a season for fasting; and that the necessary arrangements be committed to the Selectmen and the several resident clergymen -

Roll of Honor

List of Soldiers		Enlisted from Lancaster	
Nathaniel Alexander		James G Free	
Charles H Balcomb		George H Free	
Robert R Moses	Dead	Henry S Mourse	
Solomon Partridge		George L Murston	Dead
George W Butler	Dead	Edward R Jorlyn	Dead
Isaac M Butler		James Fennefy	
James M Gray		Martin Kelly	
Henry H Rugg		Col Francis Washburn	Dead
Willard R Lawrence	Dead	John Gould	
James G Warner	Dead	William MacKerel	
Luther G Turner	Dead	John Derel	
Thomas H Davidson	Dead	James A Bridge	Dead
Fordyce Horan	Dead	George W Farnsworth	
Edwin Willard		John C Haynes	Dead
Warren Ellis		John. Ellis	
Francis H Fairbanks	Dead	Joseph M Day	
Joseph W Kingsbury		George E Wiley	
Gilbert H Green		Patrick Sheary	
Sumner R Kilburne	Dead	Charles E Blood	
A W Johnson		Leonard H Parker	
George C Shean		J Prescott Wilder	
Henry H Hosley		William L Bobb	
George C Mann		Levi B Burbank	
George A Barnes		Jonas H Brown	
George R Richards		Solon Chaplin	Dead
William Thompson		George Colburn	
Frank W Barnes		Daniel M Damon	
Thomas E Burditt		James Dillon	Dead
Lewis Moeglin	Dead	James Dailey	
Woodbury Whittemore		John P Wise	Dead
Eben W Richards	Dead	Charles B Flagg	
Edward Field		John E Farnsworth	
Charles H Sinclair	Dead	John A Farnsworth	
James E Burke	Dead	Michael Fury	
William H Robbins		William H Mellar	
William L Fox		Stephen W Gray	Dead
LeMe Ellis	Dead	J A G Hunting	
Frank E Peirce		Edward M Fuller	
Charles E Macquillan		Horatio E Turner	
William Bigelow		Frank Bancroft	
George H Hardy		William B Barr	Dead
Oliver B Sawyer		Charles J Wiley	
Dennis Mahar		Simon M Plaisted	
Caleb W Stowell	Dead	Benj F Wyman	
Sewell J Lawrence		George B Todd	
Harrison Farnsworth		Frank E Mourse	
Frank W Green		Frederick F Mourse	Dead

Roll of Honor continued

Edwin A Otis	
Edward R Washburn -	Dead
John L Ayers	
John James	
Walter L Rice	
Oscar Drary -	Dead
John G Albee	
Henry A Butler -	Dead
David W Jackson	
Edwin Sawtell	
Byron H Mouse	
Roscoe H Mouse	
Walter S H Turner	
George E Chaffee	
Charles H Wilder	
Frank W Chandler	
Joseph B Moore	
Harris L Harriman	
Edmund L Whitney	
William H Fisher	
Walter A Brooks -	Dead
G Henry Patrick	
Albert Flagg	
James Rugg	
Stephen A Reyes -	Dead
Thomas A Hills	
Cyrus E Colburn	
Sumner R Noyes	
Franklin Farnsworth -	Dead

(Dead) 32 Whole No 123

For a more particular history of each man - See Record of Soldiers in Clerks Office

1865 — November Meeting 1865

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the constables of the Town of Lancaster, in the County Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To bring in their votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth, for Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General, on one ballot Councillor for Dist No 4. Senator for Worcester North and District on one ballot County Commissioner and Special Commissioners District Attorney. Sheriff and Commissioners of Insolvency on one ballot and Representative to the General Court for District No 8 on one ballot all the above Ballots, to be brought in at the same time. and the polls to be opened at one o'clock P M. and may be closed at three o'clock P M.

Warrant

2 To see what action the Town will take. in relation to erecting a monument to the Soldiers who have died during the late wars

To choose any Committee that may be thought necessary.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster. the North Village. and the Brick Meeting in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Twenty Ninth day of October in the year one Thousand eight hundred and sixty five

Jonathan Bullock
S R Merrick } Selectmen of Lancaster.
L L Farwell.

Worcester ss

Lancaster Nov 7th 1865

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster. The North Village and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting.

Joel Wilder. Constable

Proceedings of November Meeting

The voters assembled at the Town Hall at one O'Clock. The meeting was called to order by the Selectmen - The Warrant read by the Clerk, and the polls opened for the election of State and County officers.
The votes being collected, sorted and counted, were as follows viz:-

For Governor.
Alexander H Bullock of Worcester had 156 votes

For Lieut Governor.
William Claflin of Newton had 156 "

Councillor.
Charles H Perkins of Ware had 156 "

Secretary of State
Oliver Warner of Northampton had 156 "

Treasurer
Jacob H Loud of Plymouth had 156 "

Auditor
Henry F Briggs of Pittsfield had 156 "

Attorney General
Chester I Reed of Taunton had 156 "

Senator North East Dist.
Alvah Crocker of Fitchburg had 120 "
Le Baron Russell of Westminster had 36 "

District Attorney
Harvey Williams of Worcester had 156 "

Sheriff
John D Baldwin of Worcester had 156 "

County Treasurer & Attorney
Daniel Adams of Fitchburg had 156 "
William T Harlow of Worcester had 156 "
Arthur G Bisco of Westboro had 156 "
John H Bothwell of Webster had 156 "

County Commissioner
Amory Holman of Dudley had 156 "

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1865 — November Meeting Continued

November Meeting

Special Commissioner

William H Davis of Webster	had	156	votes
David F Parmenter of Holden	had	156	"

Representative to Gen Court

Jonathan Bullock of Lancaster	had	128	"
& M Bowers of Clinton	had	32	"

Voted After the votes had been collected, sorted and counted, and public declaration made thereof - and said Union Union meeting - the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator for Town affairs Elected.
George W Howe Moderator

Soldiers Monument

Voted To refer the subject connected with the 2d Art. to a committee of five - who examine the whole matter, and report at Mar Meeting - elected
& M Bartol - Henry Bixler - L L Thompson - & W Howe & F Chandler said Com-

War Expenses

Voted That all papers concerning the war expenses of the Town, from the commencement of the rebellion to the present time - be placed in the hands of a committee for examination - said Committee to report all the facts connected therewith to the Town at the ealiest practicable time -

committee

Voted That the Town Clerk constitute said Committee with such assistance as he may desire -

Voted to dissolve the meeting

& W Howe Moderator

Lancaster Nov 7th 1865
A true copy
Attest L L Thompson Town Clerk

List of persons liable to enrollment in the Town of Lancaster 1865

Name	Age	Occupation	Causes for Exemption
William H Blood	21	Laborer	
George F Bigelow	28	Do	Feeble Health
Joseph Bancroft	41	Physician	Weak Lungs
Henry Barkesley	23	Weaver	
Calvin W Burbank	28	Teacher	
Elisha E Barrett	40	Farmer	
Sidney S Butler	30	Do	
Michael Burke	32	Do	
Walter R Cunningham	18	Do	Lame Foot
Michael Conroy	22	Laborer	Alien
Cyrus E Colburn	22	Shoemaker	
Peter Cary	30	Farmer	
C W Carter	29	Do	Near Sighted
Joseph H Dudley	28	Dyer & Printer	
George F Derby	26	Farmer	Lame Knee
F W Divoll	14	Blacksmith	
Michael Daniels	18	Laborer	
Asa Estey	39	Carpenter	Enlarged Veins
Levi D Farwell	22	Farmer	
Joseph E Farnsworth	31	Laborer	
James D Farnsworth	26	Farmer	
Martin Flynn	38	Laborer	
Charles A Fairbanks	19	Clerk	
Alfred A Haynes	35	Book Keeper	Crue Short Leg
Lorenzo Howard	44	Machinist	
James N Holman	40	Farmer	
Eli Houghton	44	Do	
Henry Hanson	33	Do	Hernia
E N Hawkins	38	Do	
Henry A Howard	40	Do	
Richmond Hosmer	39	Do	Disease of Heart
Josiah Harris	24	Clerk	
Michael Horrigan	39	Laborer	
T L Haywood	32	Farmer	
Eli Hanson	37	Carpenter	
Frank Hallet	32	Farmer	
George A Johnson	42	Manufacturer	
Frederick J Johnson	40	Carpenter	Defective Vision
Topher Jones	31	Farmer	
William J Knight	38	Do	
William A Kilburn	36	Teacher	
H C Kendrick	39	Gentleman	
Charles Jones	18	Laborer	
S R Merrick	33	Farmer	
Albion Nickerson	34	Do	Disease of Lungs
Joseph Nellon	25	Laborer	
George T Colburn	31	Shoemaker	
Alonzo Freeman	Colored 20	Laborer	

Military List Continued

Name	Age	Occupation	Causes for exemption
Charles A Cobb	40	Pic Book Maker	Deformed in one Leg
Clemens Peas	23	Laborer	
Loring D Parker	24	Do	
Sewell F Rugg	44	Blacksmith	Disease of Lung
William Rand	24	Agent	
John Sullivan	37	Farmer	
James F Stone	30	Do	
Henry Stone	24	Wheelwright	
Henry C Shaw	33	Carpenter	
Samuel H Taylor	43	Do	
James Boose	38	Teamster	
Tom Thompson	24	Laborer	
Abner Pierce	26	Do	
Morris C Stone	35	Do	
Munroe Kittredge	22	Do	
Willard Barr	19	Do	
Charles L Wilder Jr	22	Manufacturer	
Levi P Wood Jr	31	Farmer	
Francis H Willard	36	Do	
Hiram Willard	34	Do	
Quincy Whitney	43	Clergyman	
Edward E Wilder	38	Book Maker	
John Winslett	30	Mechanic	
Enos Wilder	20	Student	
Charles F Wiley	26	Clerk	
Wm F Wyman	24	Farmer	
J R Lesill	26	Clergyman	
Horace N Wood	32	Laborer	
Thomas Beaman	30	Do	
Charles Bingham	24	Farmer	
A J Bancroft	37	Do	
Horatio Bailey	36	Station Agt	
Ethan A Currier	29	Farmer	
D A Carter	40	Miller	
Michael Conway	35	Pump Maker	
G F Chandler	41	Farmer	
Isaac M Cutter	23	Mechanic	
Hannibal Colburn	44	Teamster	
Francis W Chandler	31	Architect	
Wm H Dillon	35	Laborer	Alien
Rufus Eager	42	Pump Maker	
C F Fletcher	39	Gardener	
L A Farwell	23	Laborer	
Francis Fennell	38	Do	Short Limb
James Fox	32	Do	Alien
Barney Glynn	25	Blacksmith	"
Patrick Goulding	30	Laborer	"

Military List continued

D M Howard	36	Butcher	
Henry H Hosley	33	Do	
Eli E Howe	33	Do	
Warren Horner	26	Farmer	
Horatio D Humphrey	32	Do	
L W Howe	42	Do	
John R Hamilton	30	Do	
Stephen W Hastell	30	Painter	
Lincoln Johnson	43	Laborer	
John James	23	Do	
F W Johnson	35	Farmer	
Sumner W Reyes	22	Laborer	Discased Heart
Peter Lynch	38	Do	Alien
George Mathews	18	Do	
John L Munroe	31	Do	Alien
James McLord	25	Miller	Alien
P R Mansfield	37	Manuf	
E Moore	19	Farmer	
J B Moore	41	Do	
John Merritt	24	Laborer	
John Ollice	43	Do	
Lewis A Priest	42	Machinist	
Joseph Pratt	26	Teamster	
Michael Rooke	22	Laborer	Alien
Leander Rowell	37	Iron Worker	
Saml A Sibley	44	Farmer	
Chs J Stowell	38	Carpenter	
Wm J Scribner	27	Miller	
Geo P Smith	37	Iron Worker	
Joseph Sculley	40	Gardener	
H N Sweet	42	Soap Maker	
John Tracy	37	Laborer	
John F Thurston	33	Farmer	
Henry L Thurston	30	Butcher	
Francis Taylor	34	Farmer	Heart Dis
H H Thorne	36	Do	
Walter H Turner	22	Do	
O W Wilder	31	Merchant	
L W Wellington	31	Blacksmith	
Chs F Wilder	19	Farmer	
Wm H Wise	18	Laborer	
Thomas J Young	33	Carpenter	
L M Bartol	44	Clergyman	

Lancaster June 30 1865

Sewell Day
Edman Rousse } Hospitals

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Monday the fifth day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there, to act on the following articles viz

Warrant

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

3 To choose a member of the School Committee for three years, in place of the retiring member of said committee

4 To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen, and act thereon

5 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

6 To see if the Town will vote to make a discount to such persons as shall make voluntary payment of their taxes for the ensuing year; prior to specified times and if any, how much.

7 To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon

8 To determine the manner of repairing Highways, Townways and Bridges, the ensuing year

9 To see if the Town will refund the money contributed for recruiting purposes, or any part of the same

10 To see if the Town will abolish the School District system, or act in relation to the same

11 To see if the Town will accept and act upon a communication from Nathaniel Thayer Esq

12 To see if the Town will purchase a new Hearse, or act relating to the same

13 To see if the Town will grant the use of the Town Hall to the Lancaster Dramatic Society for the purpose of giving entertainments, in aid of the funds of said Society

14 To see if the Town will appropriate money for the preservation and repair of the Town Hall

15 To see if the Town will authorize the prudential Committee to contract with Teachers or act relating to the same.

Town Meeting Continued

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Warrant

To choose any Committee that may be thought necessary
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at
South Lancaster, the North Village and the Third Meeting House, in the said Town,
seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the
Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord
Eighteen hundred and sixty six

Jonathan Bullock
I R Merrick
L L Farwell
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster March 5th 1866

Return

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at
South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Third Meeting House, in the said Town, seven
days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder – Constable

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Town Meeting Mar 5th 1866

The voters assembled at the Town at one O'Clock according to the warrant
The meeting was called to order, and the warrant read by the clerk, after which the
meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator, After several ballotings and declinations
Quincy Whitney was chosen

Moderator

Rev Quincy Whitney – Moderator

Voted to lay the 2d Art on the table, and take up the 4th Art viz Report of Selectmen

Selectmens Report

The Selectmen made their annual report after which it was
Voted to refer the same to the Auditing Committee

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer George W Howe mad his report and it was
Voted to refer the same to the Auditing Committee

Assessors Report

Whereupon the Board made their report
Voted to refer the same to the Auditing Committee

Late Treasurer

Voted that the reports of the Selectmen and Treasurer be referred to the Auditing
Committee with instructions to report specially as to the facts in the case of the
late Treasurer and the action of the Selectmen concerning the same –

Voted to take up the 7th Art

Report on Military Expenses

Upon this Art Dr Wilkinson reported concerning the military expenses of the town for
the last four years. After a somewhat protracted discussion, it was
Voted to recommit the report with instructions to hear the parties interested

March Meeting Continued

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S' Rich'ds
Bounty
Note

Voted to take the Claim of Sumner Richards mentioned in the 22 Article for a bounty of $125,
& a Committee of three was chosen to examine the subject and report at the adjourned
meeting this morning. Chose E. Symmes, J. Wilder, & O. W. Richards (Dr. Morrison
Chairman was nominated with the above committee after he had twice refused to serve)
Voted to take up the 2d Art. viz Town Officers
The meeting then made choice of the following Town Officers for the ensuing year viz

J. L. S. Thompson	Town Clerk
George W. Howes	Treasurer
Jn° Bullard 2d S' R. Merrick — — Farwell	Selectmen
Sewell Days Stedman Houses Abel J. Wilder	Assessors
S. H. Turner Levi Wilder	Constables

Highway Surveyors

Francis H. Williams	J. H. Thomas
Franklin Davis	A. C. Boynton
Warren Willard	John F. Muzzey
Samuel Rugg	S. H. Turner
Thomas F. Blood	Noah Worcester
Henry Hanson	O. W. Carter

Field Drivers

John James	Edward L. Wilder
Charles Bingham	Henry Howe
Levi P. Wood Jr.	Foster Houghton
J. H. Thomas	O. W. Carter
E. W. Divoll	Albert Nickerson

Measurers of Wood

J. H. Tuttle	Isaac Whiting
John Bennett	Barry L. Phelps
J. W. Phelps	Ira Bullard
Asa C. Tolles	

Surveyors of Lumber

Asa Tolles	Joel W. Phelps	Stedman Houses

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March Meeting continued

Fence Viewers
Benj B Otis - Silas Thurston - John Abel

Sealer of Leather - Joseph H Dudley

Culler of Staves Alexander Potter

Reconsidering committee
J L S Thompson Right Cummings J Stevens

Auditing Committee
Francis B Fay Warren Davis Silas Thurston

Voted To take up the 11th Art.

Donation of N Thayer

Under this article a communication from Nathaniel Thayer Esq was read offering to donate the sum of $5000 to the Town as a perpetual fund for the purchase of Books the interest only to be expended on condition that the Town shall raise by taxation the sum allowed by law.
Also the sum of $3000 for the repair and improvement of burying grounds -
On the above votes

Voted To accept the proposition of Nat Thayer (See Resolutions & Votes Cover)

Voted To take up the 7th Art.

Memorial for Soldiers

Under this article the committee on a memorial for our deceased soldiers chosen at a former meeting made a report (See Report)

Voted to commit the subject with instructions to the selectmen to procure a plan probable expense &c and report at our next annual Town meeting -

Voted To take up the 9th Art.

Reimbursement

On this article it was voted to defer the subject to the Assessors who shall ascertain the amount, and by whom contributed, and the taxes paid by such contributors.
Also the number and names of those who first enlisted from Lancaster in the 15th Regiment Massachusetts Infantry -

Voted To defer the choice of Fire Wards to the adjournment of this meeting
Voted To defer the 3 Art to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted To defer the 5th Art to the Adjournment

Voted To defer the 6th Art until the Adjournment

Voted To [illegible] the 8th Article to the Adjournment

Voted To dismiss the 10th Art

Voted To defer the 12th Art until the Adjournment

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Meeting Continued

Voted to defer the 13th Art. until the Adjournment

Agricultural Society

Voted to grant the use of the Town House to the Agricultural Society for the purpose of giving entertainments in aid of said society

Voted to reconsider the vote passed on the 15th Art. until the Adjournment

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April at one o'clock P M

Quincy Whiting Moderator.

A true copy
Attest J. L. Thompson Town Clerk -

Boston Jan 22 1866

Rev & Dr Nathl Lancaster
Dear Sir

You have often spoken upon another subject the condition of the Burying Grounds, and I have mentioned to you the great pleasure it has recently given me, to see the general interest manifested in regard to the burying ground, near my house, and the respect shown for the memory of past generations.

I do hope that for the future, all the burying grounds may be kept in a condition, which will be creditable to the Town, and in furtherance of that object, I hereby authorize you to offer to the Town, as a donation, three thousand Dollars, say $3,000 of New York Central Bonds, upon the following conditions, viz The Town Treasurer shall hold said Bonds, or invest any money received on account of the principal of said bonds, as a permanent fund, and shall pay over the interest as received, to the Library Committee, to be expended by them, in ornamenting and keeping in repair the several Burying Grounds in the Town.

Upon being furnished with an attested copy of a vote of the Town, agreeing with me, my heirs and Assigns, that they will receive the money, and forever hold it in trust upon the foregoing conditions, I will at once pay over the Eight Thousand Dollars of Bonds, to the Town Treasurer, and I know of no better security

A true copy
Attest J. L. Thompson Town Clerk

Communication from Nathl Thayer

Yours Respectfully
Nathl Thayer

1866 March Meeting Continued

Mar 5 After the reading of the foregoing letter the following Resolutions and Votes were presented by Rev E M Barrell and unanimously adopted

Resolutions

Whereas in a communication received from Nathaniel Thayer Esq. he offers to this Town Three Thousand Dollars as a permanent fund, the annual interest of which, shall be expended by the Committee of the Town Library in the purchase of books for said Library - on condition, that the Town shall raise each year by tax, the amount annually derived by Law & the Shall for the same purpose; Therefore - Resolved; That appreciating with him gratefully in the belief which he expresses, that no other provision could be made for the Town more certain to promote its well-being, and increase its means of usefulness; we do hereby, as citizens & the Town legally assembled to act upon his proposition, accept the same with sincere and hearty gratitude, and hereby agree to the conditions he has specified in his letter

And Whereas, he also offers to the Town a further sum of Three Thousand Dollars as a permanent fund, the interest of the same to be paid by the Town Treasurer; as received, to the Committee of the Town Library, to be by them expended in ornamenting and keeping in repair the several Burying Grounds in the Town; therefore

Resolved. That we desire to honor the sentiment by which he has been actuated in making this proposition, and that, entering him the thanks of all our inhabitants, we do in their name accept the same, and upon all the conditions he has named in his letter.

Voted That upon receiving these funds, the Town Treasurer be and hereby is instructed to open upon his books, two separate and distinct accounts,

One with the Thayer Library Fund - and One with the Thayer Burying Ground Fund, - viz:

Voted. That he shall state each year in his annual report to the Town, how each fund is invested, and the amount paid over to the Library Committee for each -

Voted - That the Town in receiving from Mr Thayer the funds described. thereby agrees with him, his heirs and assigns, to forever hold the same in trust upon the conditions named in his letter

Voted That an attested copy of these votes and Resolutions be sent to Mr Thayer; and that the same, with his letter to the Town, be copied into the Town Records

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk.

March Meeting Continued

The Committee appointed by the Town at the last November meeting to inquire into the desirability of erecting a Memorial to those Soldiers of the Town, who have died during the rebellion and to report at this meeting; beg leave to submit the following.

Mar 6th

There can be no doubt as to the right of the Town to vote money for such a Memorial, as will appear from an act of the State Legislature passed March 1864 in these words. "Towns may at legal meetings, grant and vote such sums of money as they judge necessary, for the purpose of erecting monuments in memory of their soldiers who have died, or who may die in the service of our country in the present war."

Report on Soldiers Memorial

Neither can your Committee entertain any doubt that the erection of such a Memorial will be entirely congenial to the feelings of all our inhabitants. The question, What can we do for the dead? is not put by any noble and grateful heart, or by any one who appreciates the great sacrifices those soldiers have made for their fellow citizens, and for their country.

But the object is not merely to perpetuate their fame, or to reward their services. Though who shall say that such praise is wasted on their spirits, or that they are insensible to the glory given them, by those who follow them on earth. The object is, rather to prove that we are not insensible to congratulate, to inspire and encourage the living. and to encourage that virtue, and patriotism in the coming generations, upon which the nation must rely in the future, as it has relied in the past.

In respect to the sentiment of the community at large, we have to report that there has been a remarkable and spontaneous and unanimous movement in our New England towns, within the last few months towards these testimonials of appreciation and remembrance.

In respect to location, the feeling seems to be quite as spontaneous and unanimous that they shall be placed. not in the private cemetery, but in the centre of life. on the public common, or beside the path which all tread on their daily errands of duty and pleasure.

As regards the particular form this Memorial shall take, we have to say, we began our inquiry upon the supposition that the idea contemplated by the Resolution in which we received our instructions, was that of a monument in the restricted sense in which that word is commonly used. to denote a column or obelisk But the question speedily arose, Why such a memorial must necessarily take this form. The most general signification of the word monument, is any thing made or done in memory of a person or event. Why would not a Memorial Hall be just as honorable to the heroic dead? Would it be any the less so, for answering new practical and useful purposes, as well as the more ornamental? We find a different determination to come to in this respect, in different towns. In one it is for a simple shaft inscribed with the names and dates. in another for a Memorial Hall devoted to many uses. and we have noticed the proposition in a third instance, for a column bearing on one side the list of the dead. while a fountain for the refreshment of the thirsty traveller, gushes from the other.

Before the close of their first formal meeting your Committee became unanimous

1866 March Meeting Continued

Mar 8 as they still are, in the decision to recommend to the Town a Memorial Hall - and for the following reasons -
1st properly planned and built and the dueling purpose be expressed but mainly in the formation and dedication - fully fulfilled conspicuously placed - other prominent manifestations, we think it will be built as worthy of the Town - and of the object proposed - as any other monument -
2d The cost will be no greater to the Town as a Town - and
3d Besides being a Memorial, this building may be made to serve several purposes of practical utility
4th may contain a Fire Proof Room for the Town records - and accommodation for our Town Library - the rooms now occupied by it - rendering it proper in the course of a few years to remove - which may be greatly useful for the convenience of the High School to which they originally belonged

I M Barlot
Henry Wilder
J L S Thompson } committee
G W Howe
G F Chandler

A true copy Attest: J L S Thompson Town Clerk

List of persons who have appeared before the Town Clerk to receive the oath of office viz

Jno Metcalf	Sealman
Sewell Day Sidman Nourse	Assessors
Warren Willard Franklin Davis	Surveyors
Joel Bullard John Bennett Th S Phelps	Measurers of Wood
Silas Thurston Benj Th Ellis	Fence Viewers
Sidman Nourse	Surveyor & Gauger
Edward E Wilder Oliver W Carter	Field Drivers

Attest: J L S Thompson Town Clerk

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April Meeting Warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the second day of April next, at one O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz.

Warrant April 2d 1866

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d To see if the Town will allow the Assessors for their services anything more than the law provides.

3d To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen or act thereon.

4th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to procure a new Furnace for the Town Hall, or act relating to the same.

To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof
at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said
Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon
to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of March in the year one
thousand eight Hundred and sixty six

Jona Bullard
S R Merrick
L L Farwell
Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster Apr 2d 1866

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at South Lancaster, the North Village and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder - Constable

1866 April Meeting 1866 - Proceedings

The voters assembled at the Town Hall according to the Warrant - the meeting was called to order at one o'clock and the Warrant read by the Clerk after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator - the votes being sorted and counted - showed the election of

Moderator — Solon Whiting Moderator

Assessors Pay — On Art. 2nd Voted to pay the Assessors two Dollars $2. for each day Actually in the service of the Town

Jurors — Voted to accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen

Furnace for Town Hall — Voted that the subject of warming the Town Hall be left with the Selectmen to take such action as they may deem proper

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Solon Whiting Moderator

A true copy
Attest J. L. Thompson Town Clerk

List of Jurors accepted by the Town Apl 2nd 1866

Jurors

John Allen	George A Hinson
A J Banergee	S R Merrick
John Buttrick	J M Putney
C W Burbank	J W Phelps
John W Barnes	W S Phelps
D A Carter	George Stratton
G F Chandler	A N Sweet
John Cunningham	John F Thurston
Rufus Eager	Amos Tyler
John Fuller	George R Tuttle
George W Howe	Henry Wilder
Caleb Howard	Charles Wyman
N C Hawkins	Jacob Willard
Edwin Hoyt	Charles J Wilder
George W Howard	

1866 March Meeting Adjournment

April 2

School committee

The first business acted on at the adjourned meeting was the choice of one School committee for three years. Elected -
Silas Thurston as School committee

School Year

Voted that the School year commence and end with the financial year of the Town

School Grant

Voted to appropriate for the use of Schools until March first 1867 the sum of Fourteen Hundred Dollars $1400

Highways

Voted to appropriate for Highways Fourteen One Thousand Dollars $1000

Repair of Town Hall

Voted to appropriate Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars $350, for the repair of the Town Hall exclusive of furnace

Town Grant

Voted to raise for the current expenses of the Town including Schools and Highways the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars $9,200,00

Discount on Taxes

Voted that a discount of 3 per ct be allowed to all who make voluntary payment of Taxes before the 10th day of October

Bridges

Voted that the repair of Bridges be left with the Selectmen

Repair of Highways

Voted that of the sum raised for the repair of Highways the ensuing year Eight Hundred Dollars be appropriated among the Highway Surveyors and be paid out for them exclusively by the direction of the Selectmen

Refunding Subscriptions

Voted that the 9th Art be indefinitely postponed

Auditors Report

The Auditing committee reported the several reports of the Selectmen Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor to have been correctly kept, properly vouched - Also a statement concerning the accounts of the late Treasurer which were voted accepted See Report on file

Report on Town Library

The Chairman of the committee on the Town Library made a report of the same which was accepted See Report on file

Town Library Committee

Voted And chose the following as Library committee for the ensuing year viz
Rev S M Bartol - Henry Wilder - J L S Thompson
William A Nilson - Rev M Ames - Rev Benj Whittemore
Rev Quincy Whitney

Soldiers Memorial

The Committee on a Soldiers Memorial made further report -
Voted to accept the report - and that the Town raise Five Thousand Dollars for the same purpose Provided that a like sum of Five Thousand Dollars shall be raised by contribution See Report on file

1866 April 2d — Adjournment of March Meeting Continued

Committee on Subscriptions — Voted And chose the following as a Committee to solicit Subscriptions for the above purpose viz
Jacob Fisher - Anthony Lane - Isaac Cummings

Further Meeting — Voted That When the Committee shall have secured the sum of Five Thousand Dollars by subscription - that they call a meeting of the Town

Fire Wards — Voted And chose the following as Fire Wards - viz

George W Howe	Sewell T Rung
Stevens N Turner	Thomas B Warren
A E Boynton	N L Hawkins
Solon Whiting	George A Johnson
Joseph N Dudley	Charles H Tolder

Hearse — Voted That the Selectmen be a committee on the subject of the purchase of a new hearse - for the use of the Town

Sch Teachers — Voted To pass over the 14th Art. viz contracting with Teachers -

Collector — Voted And chose George W Howe Collector of Taxes at 1 per cent

Voted To dissolve the meeting

Quincy Whiting Moderator

A true copy
Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

S R Nichols Report on Bounty — The Committee chosen at a former meeting on the claim of Summer R. Nilburn for a Bounty of $125, made a report which was Voted accepted - ☞ See Report on File

A true copy
Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

☞ The above should have been recorded with the proceedings of the above meeting J L S J

Liquor Agent

This is to certify that William H Newman having given Bonds has been duly appointed by the Selectmen Lancaster an Agent to purchase and sell Spirituous Liquors in the Town of Lancaster, to be used in the Arts and Manufactures, Mechanical and Medicinal purposes, and no other, and in conformity with the Statutes of the Commonwealth and Laws thereof.

The said William H Newman is to continue for the term of one year from the date hereof unless sooner removed by said Selectmen and said Agent shall receive a Salary of Two Hundred Dollars which shall be in full for his said services, or in that proportion for a less time

Dated at Lancaster this 7th day of May 1866

Jonathan Bullard
S R Merrick } Selectmen of Lancaster
L L Farwell

List of male citizens of Lancaster between the ages of eighteen and forty five on the 1st day of May 1866

Names	Age	Occupation	Names	Age	Occupation
John Abbe	21	Farmer	Peter Lynch	40	Laborer
Thereus Ames	44	Clergyman	Thomas Lynch	42	"
Anson Burton	45	Manufacturer	Abiel Moore	44	Farmer
Thomas Brennan	35	Laborer	John Munroe	30	Laborer
Henry Bliss	28	Farmer	F R Mansfield	23	Manufact
Charles Bingham	41	"	E F Moore	20	Clerk
Horatio Bailey	34	Station Agt	Ephraim MacNeil	25	Sailor
William Blood	22	Farmer	L H Priest	42	Mechanic
George Bullard	33	"	Henry Priest	28	"
Patrick Burke jr	30	Laborer	John A Rice	36	Butcher
Ira O Bullard	28	Merchant	Leander Rowell	42	Fin Work
W A M Bailey	26	Fin Worker	Samuel A Sibley	43	Miller
A I Bennett	43	Farmer	Joseph Seully	40	Nursery man
C F Chandler	42	Nurseryman	D F Smith	23	Butcher
Michael Conway	32	Mechanic	George F Stevens Steams	29	Wheelwright
D A Carter	37	Miller	Edward H Dixon	19	"
Silas A Carrier	36	Farmer	H N Sweet	41	Soap Maker
Isaac Carter	28	Painter	William J Scrivener	40	Miller
Patrick Dolan	40	Laborer	John F Thurston	33	Farmer
James M Day	24	Farmer	Frank D Taylor	34	"
I D Fenton	46	Carpenter	A H Thorne	38	"
Bryant Doyle	18	Laborer	W S H Turner	22	Mechanic
Peter Dyer	42	Comb Maker	William Thompson	22	Laborer
L A Farwell	35	Farmer	James Tyrrell	24	Mechanic
Joshua Freeman	34	Mechanic	Aaron C Wilder	34	Merchant
Edward M Fuller	23	"	Geo W Wellington	35	Blacksmith
John Fahey	20	Miller	William Wise	30	Farmer
James Fay	34	Farmer	Geo M Winchester	20	Miller
Frank Farnum	36	Teamster	Charles F Wilder	20	Farmer
Barney Gunn	34	Mechanic	Charles Tarbell	35	Comb Maker
S N Haskell	44	Painter	Mathew Williamson	40	Farmer
D M Howard	39	"	David W & P Wood jr	32	"
Geo W Howe	44	Auctioneer	Francis Willard	36	"
Eli E Howe	33	Lumber Dealer	John M Whittemore	20	"
H L Harriman	33	Mechanic	Charles L Wilder jr	24	Manufac
H F Hosmer	29	Farmer	E E Wilder	29	Mechanic
Thomas Hickey	31	Laborer	John Windsor jr	46	Farmer
Horatio Humphrey	37	Farmer	Charles F Tilley	27	Merchant
Hiram A Howe	25	Painter	O Wyman	46	Farmer
John Jones	24	Farmer	James Bose	35	Farmer
E L Johnson	34	Farmer	Luther Bliss	34	Mechan
H W Johnson	30	"	Charles H Balcome	38	Farmer
Sumner W Keyes	24	"	Michael Burke	33	"
Robert Kemp	18	"	Elisha Barrett	41	"
Martin Kelly jr	18	Laborer	William H Blood	22	"
Frank Lewis	24	Mechanic	A P Blood	20	"

Military Inhabitants

Names	Age	Occupation	Names	Age	Occupation
G M Bartol	44	Clergyman	Franklin Davis	43	Farmer
Geo F Bigelow	27	Mechanic	Charles Damon	29	"
James Bush	24	Laborer	Joseph H Dudley	29	Merchant
Stephen Combs	19	Mechanic	George F Derby	27	Teamster
H N Cheney	35	Farmer	F W Divoll	20	Mechanic
Francis Coggswell	20	"	Michael Daniels	19	Farmer
Cyrus Colburn	23	Mechanic	Lewis Dupee	26	Laborer
George F Colburn	21	"	Asa Exley	40	Carpenter
Winslow Chaffin	23	Farmer	Levi D Farwell	34	Mechanic
Oliver W Carter	30	"	Martin Flynn	39	Farmer
William Carr	19	"	Charles H Fairbanks	20	Merchant
Charles A Cobb	37	Manufacturer	Frederick J Johnson	41	Carpenter
Benj M Cutts	19	Mechanic	Zepher Jones	33	Farmer
Walter P Cunningham	19	Farmer	Leonard Kimball	40	"
Jno Hardy	34	Farmer	Geo A Kinson	43	Manufac
James H Holman	41	Farmer	William F Knight	40	Farmer
Alfred Haynes	30	Book Keeper	William A Kilburn	27	Teacher
Otis Houghton	44	Farmer	H C Kendrick	39	Manufac
Henry Hanson	54	"	Jonathan Kimball	44	Farmer
N C Hawkins	39	"	George W Levering	22	"
Henry A Howard	41	"	George E Levitt	27	Clergyman
Richmond Hosmer	30	"	F A Lamson	33	Mechanic
Isaiah Herrick	24	Clerk	J A Lewis	28	Druggist
Thomas J Houghton	33	Stable Keeper	Alonzo Nutting	24	Farmer
George H Hardy	26	Station Agt	Albion Nickerson	35	"
William P Holden	40	Mechanic	Charles W Nourse	20	Mechanic
Zepher			Alexander Nelson	28	Laborer
J Mary	21	Farmer	Alexander Page	26	"
Charles Maquillan	24	"	Wm D Rand	25	Agent
Wm Munroe	30	"	George N Richards	44	Farmer
S R Merrick	53	"	John Sullivan	38	"
David W Mathews	21	Laborer	Albert Sawyer	21	Laborer
			N C Stone	36	Mechanic
			J F Stone	40	Farmer
			Henry Stowe	25	Wheelwright
			Henry C Shaw	34	Carpenter
			O F Sawyer	26	Miller
			J Stevens	36	Physician

Sewell Day
Sheldon Nourse } Assessors of
Chas J Wilder } Lancaster

1866

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the constables of the Town of Lancaster in the county of Worcester.

Town Meeting June 30th

Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the thirtieth day of June next at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To see what method the Town will take to raise money for the purpose of paying State Aid under the Act of April 25th 1866

Warrant

3d To see if the Town will vote to sell their Wood Lot known as the Carlton Lot situated near the Shaker Mill or act relating to the same

4th To see if the Town will hear the Report of the Selectmen in relation to the purchase of a new Hearse and act relating to the same

To choose any Communes that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village and the Union Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty third day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty six

Jona Bullock
S R Merrick } Selectmen of Lancaster
L L Sawell

Worcester ss

Lancaster June 30th 1866

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Union Meeting House, in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting.

Joel Wilder - Constable

1866

Town Meeting June 30th 1866

The voters assembled in accordance with the warrant the meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk - after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator and elected

G F Chandler - Moderator

On Art 2d

State Aid

Voted That the Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars for the purpose of paying State Aid

on Art 3

Sale of Gravel Lot

Voted That the Art be left to the discretion of the Selectmen to dispose of the same, as in their judgement they may think proper

on Art 4th

Repair of Town Hearse

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to put the Town Hearse in good repair including painting and varnishing

Voted To dissolve the meeting

G F Chandler Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L P Thompson Town Clerk

1866

November Meeting Warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the sixth day of November next, at one oClock in the afternoon. then and there to act on the following articles viz -

November Warrant

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at the meeting on Town affairs

2 To bring in their votes for Governor. Lieut. Governor. & the Commonwealth for Secretary of State. Treasurer and Receiver General. Auditor & Accounts. and Attorney General, on one ballot. Councillor for Dist. No seven. and Senator for the fifth Senatorial District. on one ballot. for County Commissioner and Clerk of the Courts. on one ballot. for Representative to General Court for Dist. No 6. on one ballot. and for Representative in the Congress of the United States All of the above Ballots to be brought in at the same time. The polls to be opened at one oClock. and may be closed at three oClock P M.

3 To hear the report of the Committee on subscriptions for Memorial Hall or act relating to the same.

To choose any Committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster. the North Village. and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town. seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting. as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of October. in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty six

Jonathan Bullard
S R Merrick (Selectmen of Lancaster
L L Farwell

Worcester ss Lancaster Nov 6th 1866

Return

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at South Lancaster. the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting.

S H Turner Constable

1866 November Meeting

The voters of Lancaster assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant, at One Oclock. The warrant was read and the votes cast were as follows viz

For Governor

Alexander H Bullock of Worcester	received	159	votes
Theodore H Sweetser of Lowell		10	"

For Lieut Governor

William Claflin of Newton	received	159	votes
Horace B Lee of Springfield	"	10	"

For Councillor

Charles Adams of North Brookfield	received	169	votes
Charles Hammond of Barre	"	10	"

For Secretary of State

Oliver Warner of Northampton	received	159	votes
Luther Stephenson of Hingham	"	10	"

For Treasurer

Jacob H Loud of Plymouth	received	159	votes
Harvey Arnold of Adams	"	10	"

For Auditor

Henry S Briggs of Pittsfield	received	159	votes
Arthur G Devereaux of Roxbury	"	10	"

For Attorney General

Chester S Reed of Taunton	received	159	votes
William B Endicott of Salem	"	10	"

For Senator

John H Ewer of Leominster	received	169	votes
George B Grafton of Bolton	"	10	"

For Clerk of Courts

Joseph Mason of Worcester	received	169	votes

For Representative to Congress

William B Washburn of Greenfield	received	159	votes
Levi Haywood of Gardner	"	10	"

For County Commissioner

Delorous Taft of Upton	received	159	votes
Charles H Chapin of Milford	"	10	"

1866 Town Meeting Continued

For Representative to General Court 6 Dist
Jacob Miller Whitney of Harvard received 150 votes
S H Howe of Bolton " 15 "

After the counting of the votes and public declaration being made and sealed in open town meeting. the meeting for town affairs was opened by the choice of Quincy Whitney Moderator

The first thing was the Report of the Committee on subscriptions for memorial Hall vot Report

Report on Memorial Hall

The undersigned committee on subscriptions for Memorial Hall Report. that we have already obtained some over $4 000 dollars, and that it has been done without effort on our part. and from what we have learned, we have no doubt that the whole sum of $5000 can easily be raised, and that the Town can with perfect safety proceed to erect the building, the same as if the Whole sum was subscribed.

Lancaster Nov 6th 1866 Jacob Fisher
Anthony Lane committee
Geo Cummings

Voted To accept the above report

Voted That a committee of 3 be appointed by the Chair to nominate a general committee of 7 who shall have full charge of the matter of location. style of building, and erection of the same.
The Chair appointed as said committee
L J Symmes. S P Merrick. Jeremiah Moore. who reported for committee

Committee on Memorial Hall.

Math Meyer	G M Bartol
Jacob Fisher	Francis B Fay
Henry Wilder	J L S Thompson
Quincy Whitney	

Voted To accept the report of the committee Francis B Fay declining to serve.
Voted That Edward M Fuller be chosen to fill the vacancy

Voted That the Selectmen be added to the above committee

Voted To dissolve the meeting.

Quincy Whitney Moderator

Attest

J L S Thompson Town Clerk.

1866

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester.
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the third day of December next at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2. To see if the Town will pay Mrs Hannah Wilson the Bounty Lucher due at the time of his death - or act in relation thereto

Warrant

3 To see what action the Town will take in relation to certain proposed alterations in the Highway and R Road Bridge, near Fullers Mill

4 To consider if the Ladies of the Freedmans Aid Society may have the use of the Town Hall without charge, one evening in each week through the three winter months, to give public entertainments in order to raise funds for the support of a Teacher to the Freedmen.

To raise any Sums that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty third day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty six

Jona Bullock
J R Merrick
L L Fairbank
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster Dec 1st 1866

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at South Lancaster, the North Village and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting.

J H Turner Constable

1866

Town Meeting Dec 1st 1866

The voters of Lancaster assembled in accordance with the warrant. The meeting was called to order at three O'Clock and the warrant read by the Clerk. after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator - and Elected Francis B Fay Moderator

S R Williams Bounty

On the 2d Art.

Voted to postpone indefinitely the 2 Art.

On Art. 3

Alteration of R Road & Road over Fuller Mill

Voted. That the Selectmen be instructed to petition the County Commissioners to cause the alterations in the R Road abutments, and the road from the Town line near Fullers Mill. and the Road leading from Sterling to Barkers Mill to be so altered as to make the same safe and convenient for the public

On Art. 4th

Use of Town Hall

Voted to grant the request of the Ladies Freedmen Aid Society for the use of the Town Hall free of Charge.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Francis B Fay Moderator

A True copy

Attest L L Thompson Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Lancaster and Bolton do hereby certify that we have this day Nov 12th 1866 perambulated the line between said Towns, and found erected and standing permanent stone monuments, at the several angles and at the crossings of the several Highways running into and connecting said Towns of suitable height, and marked with the initials of said Towns

Jonathan Bullock
C B F Fletcher (Executor) } Selectmen of Lancaster

N A Newton
W P Holden } Selectmen of Bolton

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Lancaster and Lunenburg hereby certify that we have this day Nov 15th 1866 perambulated the Town lines between the Towns of Lancaster and Lunenburg, and find all of the monuments properly set and lettered as the law requires

Jonathan Bullock
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster

Asa Whiting
H B Haywood } Selectmen of Lunenburg

Clinton Nov 12th 1866

We the undersigned hereby certify that we have perambulated the town lines between the Towns of Lancaster and Clinton, and find the monuments according to law as heretofore erected by said Towns

Jona Bullock
L J Fletcher (Substitute) } Selectmen of Lancaster
Wm Wheelock
L Bowman } Selectmen of Clinton

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Sterling and Lancaster hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the line between Sterling and Lancaster

Ezra Sawyer
M B Haywood } Selectmen of Sterling
Sterling Nov 10th 1866
Jon Bullock
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Lancaster and Harvard on the 13th day of Nov A D 1866 Perambulated the line between said Towns, and found erected and standing permanent Stone Monuments, at the several angles, and at the crossings of the several Highways running into and connecting said Towns four feet above the surface of the ground and marked with the initials of said Towns

Jona Bullock
L J Fletcher (Substitute) } Selectmen of Lancaster
Caleb S Gerry
John H } Selectmen of Harvard

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Lancaster and Leominster hereby certify that we have this day Nov 14, 1866 Perambulated the line between said Towns of Lancaster and Leominster and find all of the monuments properly set and lettered as the law requires

Jona Bullock
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
A S Burdett
S Pullman } Selectmen of Leominster

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Lancaster and Shirley hereby certify that we have this day Nov 14th 1866 Perambulated the town line between the Towns of Lancaster and Shirley, and find all of the monuments properly set and lettered as the law requires

Jona Bullock
L J Fletcher (Sub) } Selectmen of Lancaster

David Porter
L L White } Selectmen of Shirley

1867

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Leicester. In the county of Worcester-
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to
notify the inhabitants of the Town of Leicester qualified to vote in Elections and
Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Leicester, on Tuesday the Sixth
day of March next at one o'clock in the afternoon. Then and there to act on the
following articles. viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

Warrant 3d To choose a number of the School Committee for three years, in place of the retiring
member of said Committee

4th To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and act thereon

5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the
ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

6th To see if the Town will make a discount to such persons as shall make voluntary
payment of their taxes for the ensuing year prior to specified times. and if any, how
much.

7th To hear the report of any outstanding Committee, and act thereon

8th To determine the manner of opening Highways. Town Ways and Bridges the year
ensuing.

9th To see if the Town will take any further action concerning the Bounty claimed
for Sumner R Wilburne or act relating thereto

10th To see if the Town will allow the free use of the Town Hall for four evenings, for the
benefit of the School Gymnasium.

11th To see if the Town will appropriate money to complete the repairs of the Town
Hall. or take any action relating thereto.

12th To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to close their Books on the twenty-fifth
of February. and to make up and print their annual report. in season for distri-
-bution. on or before the Annual March Meeting. beginning with February 1868

13th To see if the Town will abate the taxes assessed on the Real Estate of Tom H Sanger for
the years 1865 & 1866, amounting to Seventeen 53/100 dollars.

14th To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors. as revised by the Selectmen. or act
thereon.

To choose any Committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at South
Leicester, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, Seven Days
at least before the time for holding said meeting.

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1867 Town & Meeting Warrant

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon. To the Town Clerk of the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Fourth day of March, in the year one Thousand eight hundred and sixty seven.

Jonathan Bullard
Spencer R Merrick } Selectmen of Lancaster
L L Farwell

Worcester ss

Lancaster March 12th 1867

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, Seven days before the day of meeting.

J H Turner — Constable of Lancaster

Town Meeting March 12th 1867

March Meeting — The voters of Lancaster assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant the meeting was called to order at one O'clock and the Warrant read by the Clerk after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator - elected

Quincy Whitney — Moderator

After which the following Town Officers were duly elected viz

Town Clerk	J L L Thompson	Town Clerk
Selectmen	Spencer R Merrick Calvin Holman C W Burbank	Selectmen
Assessors	Sewell Day Warren Davis Benj N Otis	Assessors
Treasurer	George W Howe	Treasurer
Sch Committee	C M Bartol	School Committee
Constables	S H Turner Joel Wheeler	Constables

Field Drivers

Charles F Fletcher	S N Goodall
Charles Bingham 3	Henry Howe 3
Field Drivers — S Larkin	C W Carter 3
Charles Woods	J H Morse 3
Ancil Tyler	Joseph Stapleton

Measurers of Wood

Measurers of Wood	J A Lewis	J W Phelps	E M Fuller
	John Bennett	Geo F Hardy	Solon Whiting
	B F Phelps		

1867

March Meeting Continued

Surveyors of Lumber

Asa Esty Joel W Phelps. Stedman Mouse- E M Fuller 2

Fence Viewers

Benj B Otis George N Tuttle John Abel

Sealer of Leather

William P Holder

Cullers of Staves

Alexander Potter

Vaccinating Committee

J L S Thompson Wright Cummings

Auditing Committee

S J S Cote J L S Thompson Silas Thurston

The next business was the reports of the several Town Officers - and first The Selectmen submitted their annual report which was Voted to be referred to the Auditing Committee

The Treasurer made his annual Report together with a report on the Thayer Funds for Library and Cemetary -
Voted - To be referred to the Auditing Committee

After a somewhat protracted discussion relating to the Treasurers Bonds for 1865
Voted - That the Selectmen be instructed to take counsel on the legality of the Bonds issued and that Jona Bullrich be added - to act with the Selectmen

Voted That the Selectmen employ Gov Washburn as counsel

The Overseers of the Poor submitted their report which was
Voted - To be referred to the Auditing Committee

Voted That the Town raise for the ensuing year the sum of $7,200. including for schools $2800, for Highways $1,500.

Voted To make the same discount on Taxes as last year viz 3 per ct on all Taxes paid on or before the 10th day of October

Voted That the Subject of the Repair of Highways the ensuing year - be left with the Selectmen -

Voted That the sum claimed as Bounty on behalf of Sumner N Wilbrem having been paid by the recruiting committee - the Art be indefinitely postponed

1867 | March Meeting Continued

Town Hall | Voted That the subject of repairs of the Town Hall be referred to the Selectmen for examination - to report at the adjournment of this meeting -

" " | Voted not to grant the free use of the Town Hall for School Gymnasium

Town Accounts | Voted That the Selectmen close their accounts and books in accordance with Art 12th of the warrant

Selectmen | Voted That the Auditing committee be instructed to examine the Selectmens books for the three years past - and report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted To abate the taxes of Wm H Target for 1865 & 1866 amounting to $17.52

Jurors | Voted To accept the list of Jurors

Voted To adjourn to the first Monday in April at one Oclock P M

Quincy Whitney Moderator

A true copy
Attest J L I Thompson Town Clerk

List of Jurors

C W Burbank
John Bennett
L L Bragg
A L Boynton
Jona Budrick
L A Carter
C F Chandler
J Cunningham
Sewell Day
L H Dudley
Franklin Davis
Asa Estey
Rufus Eager
Chas J Fletcher
Caleb Howard
Calvin Holman
James H Holman
C W Howe
Wm J Knight
Jeremiah Moore
L R Merrick
B L Phelps
I W Phelps
J J Rugg
H N Sweet
Wm F Thurston
C L Wilder
C J Wilder
L H White

A true copy
Attest J L I Thompson Town Clerk

1867

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester
Greeting -

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the first day of April next at one O'clock. in the afternoon. then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting -

Warrant

2d To see if the Town will appropriate money to carry out the suggestions made in the annual report of the School Committee, or act relating thereto.

April 1867

3d To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall for four evenings for the benefit of the School Gymnasium

4th To see on what terms the Town will grant the use of the Town Hall to its own citizens

5th To inquire if past instructions of the Town to the Selectmen, have been complied with if not to ascertain the reasons for such neglect or refusal, or act relating thereto

To choose any committees, that may be thought necessary -
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof - at the South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House, in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting -
Here of fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -
Given under our hands this twenty third day of March, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and sixty seven

I R Merrick
Calvin Holman } Selectmen of Lancaster
L W Burbank

Worcester ss

Lancaster Apr 1st 1867

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same - at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House, in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder - Constable of Lancaster.

A true copy
Attest Jas I Thompson Town Clerk

1867 Town Meeting Ap 1st 1867

The Voters of Lancaster assembled in accordance with the warrant. The meeting was called to order at the Oddfellows Hall and the warrant read by the Clerk. after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator.
The votes being collected sorted and counted. the choice was
W A Wilburne Moderator.
The first business was the consideration of the 2d Art.
Voted. To lay the 2d Art on the table.

School Gymnasium — Voted. On the 3d Art. To grant the free use of the Town Hall for four evenings to a School Gymnasium.

Free use of Town Hall to citizens — Voted. On Art 4th That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to citizens of the Town. on the application of any two of such citizens.

Voted. To take up Art 2. On this Art it was

Supp. Sch Com Recommitted — Voted. That the subject of the 2d Art be recommitted to the School Committee with instructions to report at the next Town meeting.

From Mr Furnish copies of instructions — Voted. On Art 6th That the Town Clerk furnish copies of past votes of instructions by the Town not finished or complied with to new boards of Selectmen.

Voted To indefinitely the further consideration of the 6th Art.

Voted To dissolve the meeting. W A Wilburn Moderator
A true copy
Attest H L Thompson Town Clerk.

Adjourned Ap Meeting

The first business was the report of the Committee on counsel in the matter of Treasurers Bond Committee not ready to report.
Voted
Prosecution of Bond — That if counsel should that the Bond must be taken the Selectmen be instructed to prosecute the bond
Voted To add to the Hours to the committee on treasurers Bond

Auditors Report — The Auditors reported in part
Voted To accept the report on the accounts of Selectmen Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor and that the reports of the above officers be accepted by the Town.

Borrow $ 5,000. — Voted. To authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding five Thousand Dollars. (on account of memorial Hall)

Voted To dissolve the meeting
Quincy Whitney Moderator
A true copy
Attest H L Thompson Town Clerk.

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[illegible] in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts [illegible]
The appointment to continue for twelve months from the date [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] for his said services, or in that proportion for a less time
Dated at Lancaster this 6th day of May 1867

[illegible] R Merrick }
[illegible] } [illegible]
C W Burbank }

Lancaster June 1st 1867

The Selectmen hereby appoint Edward L Wilder as Field Driver for the Town of Lancaster for the remainder of the year ending Mar 1st 1868
S R Merrick
[illegible]
C W Burbank

1867 [illegible] 1867

Name	Occupation	Age	Name	Occupation	Age
[illegible]	Clergyman	39	George A Fay	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	36	[illegible]	[illegible]	41
F M Bacon	Do	31	L A Farwell	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do	[illegible]	Frank Farwell	Teamster	30
Michael Burke Alien	Do	33	E M Fuller	Lumber Deal	24
S S Butler	Do	30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Burbank	[illegible]	31	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
L F Brown	[illegible]	40	[illegible]	Do	24
D M Babcock	Do	35	[illegible]	Shoe Maker	25
[illegible]	Farmer	29	Wm H [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charles E Wood	Do	25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Buttrick	Do	33	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charles Binham	Do	43	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
A J Bancroft	Do	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	44
[illegible]	[illegible]	35	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thomas Brennan	[illegible]	36	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
John E Bennett	[illegible]	22	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morris Brien	[illegible]	33	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Burke Alien	[illegible]	25	[illegible]	Do	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	33	[illegible]	Teamster	25
Patrick [illegible]	Do	27	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Brickmaker	31	J E Henly	[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible] O Conner	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Michael [illegible]	Do	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
D A Carter	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
F E Chandler	Farmer	43	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible] Cochran	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
F H Carter	[illegible]	[illegible]	Henry Hunson	Do	34
[illegible] Cochran	[illegible]	35	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Patrick Dillon	[illegible]	37	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible]	Teamster	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
George W Farnsworth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Teamster	[illegible]
[illegible] Farnsworth	Do	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
James D Farnsworth	Do	34	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rufus [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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	37			28	
	45			42	
	23			25	
	27			2	
	28			23	
	25		Henry G	23	
			Russell Stallard	25	
	21		Jacob Shuey	35	Do
				24	Do
			Henry B Shaw	34	Carpenter
	34		John Tracy		
					Do
L D Lewis	21	Clergyman	William Thompson	21	Farmer
	22		Frank D Taylor	22	
John Mc Mann	21		W S H Turner	21	
William W Monson	25			35	Farmer
Hugh Mc Intire	31		Levi P Wood Jr	31	Do
David W Mathews	29		J M Whitemore	29	Do
George W Mathews		Laborer		38	Do
Patrick Mitchell				22	Do
Joseph Moore				29	Shoeman
S R Merrill		Do		36	Farmer
Thomas A Nelson	22			23	Do
			William Price	21	Laborer
Charles W Norris	21	Shoemaker	Charles H Williams	26	Carpenter
E B Norris	33	Laborer	Charles F Williams	22	
	35	Farmer	B F Wayman	27	Farmer
	27	Miller		34	Farmer
Henry S Pierce			Frederick Woodward		
James Perry	27	Machinist	Frank H Sutcliffe	21	Engineer
Alexander Page	32		Edward S	30	Machinist
	28	Farmer	John Davidson	42	Mechanic
Mr Rourke	24	Do	George Jr	22	Do
Joseph Rose	19	Blacksmith	George W Cassidy		
George H Rose	28	Shoemaker			
George W Richards	40	Farmer	Wm F Thurston	35	Farmer
	57	Boatman			
			A true copy		
William Ruff	41	Miller			
	61	Do			
Wm Sullivan	31	Farmer			
	34				
John Semple	17	Laborer			
John H Spinney	45	Do			
	28				
	32	Gardener			

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To see if the Town will accept a road as laid out by the Selectmen June 1st 1867 from the old road, near the house of Caleb Howard, to the new County road leading from Clinton to Sterling, or act relating to the same.

3d To see if the Town will accept an alteration in the Highway, near the house of Stedman Howe, as laid out by the Selectmen June 12th 1867, or act relating to the same

4th To see if the Town will discontinue the road, leading from the Old Ground place to the top of Ballard Hill, or act relating to the same.

5th To see if the Town will purchase a new Hearse, or act relating to the same

6th To see if the Town will direct what the sale of Lots in the several Cemeteries, with the care and superintendence of the same, be placed in the hands of the Cemetery [illegible]

7th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to pay money, on the order of the Superintending School Committee, or act relating to the same.

8th To hear the report of outstanding Committees

9th To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Town Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven.

S. P. Thurber)
Caleb Holman Selectmen of Lancaster
& Wm Burbank)

Worcester ss

Lancaster June 22d 1867

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Town Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Returns

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Voted To accept the report of the Selectmen laying out a road over the [illegible]

Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to carry into effect the above report. See Plan

Road from Walk House

Voted To accept the alteration in the Highway near the house of Sidman Towne as petitioned for by George A Parker. See Plan

[illegible] Discontinuing

Voted To discontinue the road leading from the Potter Wignot place to the road from [illegible]

Hearse

Voted That the Selectmen is instructed to purchase a suitable Hearse for the use of the Town

Care of Cemeteries

Voted That the care of the several Cemeteries the sale of Lots and superintendence of the same with power to remove bodies if necessary to carry out the original plan be [illegible]

Second List

Voted That the committee be authorized to charge additional sum for a second list

School Committee Instructions to Treasurer

Voted That the School committee be instructed to keep an accurate account of all monies expended and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to pay money on their order to an amount not exceeding the appropriations for School purposes –

Under the 8th Art the Selectmen were called upon to read the opinion of E Washburn on the validity of the treasurers bonds for 1865.

After the opinion had been read and the subject fully discussed

Treasurers Bonds

Voted The Town assume the loss occasioned by the defalcation of the Town Treasurer for 1865 and that the bondsmen be released from all liabilities

Voted To dissolve the meeting

[illegible]

A true copy

Attest J & J Thompson Town Clerk

1867

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Tuesday the Fifth day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To bring in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor & the Commonwealth - for Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General, on one ballot - Councillor for Dist. No Seven, and Senator for the fifth Senatorial District, on one ballot - for County Commissioner county Treasurer, and Register of Deeds, on one ballot - for Representative to the General Court for Dist. No Six, on one ballot - All the above ballots to be brought in at the same time - The polls to be opened at One o'clock, and may be closed at Three o'clock P M -

3d To see if the Town will vote to assess the State & County tax & Town & Human the amount of which is $2394 for the year 1867.

4th To hear the report of any outstanding Committee, and act thereon

5 To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at South Lancaster the North Village, and the Town Meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting - Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands, this twenty eighth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven -

I F Merrick)
Calvin Holman (Selectmen of Lancaster
& W Burbank)

Worcester ss

Lancaster Nov 5th 1867

I have duly served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster the North Village, and the Town Meeting House, in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable -

1867

Proceedings of November Meeting 1867

The voters met at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant the meeting was called to order at One O'Clock, and the warrant read by the Clerk after which the meeting proceeded to vote for the following State County, and District Officers, as follows - viz

For Governor

Alexr H Bullock of Worcester - has	245	votes
John Quincy Adams of Quincy - has	42	votes

For Lieut Governor

William Claflin of Newton - has	245	votes
George M Stearns of Chicopee - has	42	votes

For Secretary of State

Oliver Warner of Northampton - has	345	votes
Chas Theodore Russell of Barre - has	42	votes

For Treasurer

Jacob H Loud of Plymouth - has	245	votes
Harvey Arnold of Adams - has	42	votes

For Auditor

Henry S Briggs of Pittsfield - has	245	votes
Arthur L Devereux of Salem - has	42	votes

For Attorney General

Charles Allen of Boston - has	245	votes
William C Endicott of Salem - has	42	votes

For Commissioner

J Thomas Pigeon of Milford - has	244	votes
William W Holmes of Webster - has	42	votes

For County Treasurer

Charles A Chase of Worcester - has	244	votes
Levi Haywood of Gardner - has	42	votes

For Register of Deeds

Alexr H Wilder of Worcester - has	244	votes
Hanson H Ward of Worcester - has	42	votes

For Councillor Dist No 7

Charles Adams Jr of Northfield has	344	votes
Calvin C Chaffee of Belchertown has	42	votes

1867 November Meeting Continued

For Senator.

John H Lockey of Leominster	has	99	votes
Francis B Fay of Lancaster	has	184	votes

For Representative to Gen Court.

Jesse B Wheeler of Bolton	has	94	votes
S H Howe of Bolton	has	189	votes

After the votes had been counted - public declaration thereof made - and sealed up in open Town meeting - the voters proceeded to the choice of Moderator to preside in Town affairs - G W Howe elected Moderator

Voted on Art. 3

To abate the Real Estate Tax of Edmund Harman of $3.94 for 1867

Voted

To postpone the Report of School Committee concerning the Town granting money to send scholars to Lancaster Academy -

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

G W Howe Moderator

A true copy

Attest: J L I Thompson Town Clerk

Certificate of Appointment of Town Liquor Agent.

Town of Lancaster.

This is to Certify that D M Howard having given bonds has been duly appointed by the Selectmen of Lancaster an Agent to purchase intoxicating Liquors, and to sell the same at his Store in the Town of Lancaster, to be used in the Arts, or for Medicinal, Chemical, and Mechanical purposes, and no otherwise and in conformity to the the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts The appointment to continue for Six Months from the date hereof, unless sooner revoked by the Selectmen. Liquor Agent.

Said Agent shall receive a Salary of Fifty Dollars which shall be in full for his said services, or in that proportion for a less time

Dated at Lancaster this 5th day of Nov 1867

S R Merrick
Calvin Holman } Selectmen of Lancaster
G W Burbank

A true copy

Attest: J L I Thompson Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections, and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the second day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles - viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing

3 To choose a member of the School committee for three years, in the place of the retiring member of said committee

4th To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act thereon

5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges, for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same

6th To see if the Town will make a discount to such persons as shall make voluntary payment of their taxes for the ensuing year, prior to specified times, and if any, how much -

7th To determine the manner of repairing Highways, Townways and Bridges the ensuing year -

8th To revise the list of Jurors -

To hear the report of any outstanding committee, and act thereon

To chose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting Hereof fail not; and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight -

S R Merrick }
Calvin Holman } Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster March 2d 1868

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

1868 March Meeting

The voters assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant. The meeting was called to order at one o'clock. and the warrant read by the clerk. after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator.

Mar 2d Elected Quincy Whitney. Moderator.

The meeting then proceeded to elect the following officers. viz

Town Clerk — J L S Thompson — Town Clerk

Selectmen — Calvin Holman, L L Farwell, S H Turner. — Selectmen

Assessors — Warren Davis, Stedman Nourse, Wm J Wilder. — Assessors

Treasurer — Geo W Howe — Treasurer

School Com — E M Fuller — School Committee

S H Turner. - Joel Wilder. - Constables

Field Drivers

Field Drivers	Henry Hosley	Frank Divoll
	Charles Bingham	James H Holman
	E Barrett	Frank Taylor
	Charles Blood	Ancil Tyler
	Foster Houghton	John Wiley

Measurers of Wood

Measurers of Wood	E J Goodall	John Bennitt
	B F Phelps	J W Phelps
	Geo F Hardy	E M Fuller
	Solon Whiting -	

Surveyor of Lumber

Surveyors Lumber — Arba Wiley — J W Phelps. — Stedman Nourse — E M Fuller

Fence Viewers

Fence Viewers — Benj B Otis. Geo R Fuller. John Abbe

Sealer of Leather — W P Holder — Sealer of Leather

Alex Potter — Culler of Staves

Culler of Staves

1868

Vaccinating com

Mar 2d

Aud com

Fire Wards

March Meeting Continued

Vaccinating Committee

J L S Thompson Richd Cummings

Auditing Committee

S J S Bose. J L S Thompson Henry Wilder

Fire Wards

Solon Whiting	Arba Estey
Jacob Fisher	N B Hawkins
Chls Fairbanks	E M Fuller
D M Howard	Henry Wilder
Chls L Wilder	

Report of Selectmen

Report of Selectmen presented by Chairman S R Merrick
Voted. accepted.

Report of Overseers

Report of Overseers read by the Chairman S R Merrick
Voted. accepted
Voted
To pass over 5th Art
Voted
To defer Art 6th to adjournment
Voted
That the manner of repairing Highways and Bridges. be left with Chairman of Selectmen with power to appoint a substitute
Voted
And chose Calvin Holman Highway Surveyor
Voted
To accept the list of jurors presented by Selectmen
Voted
To adjourn to the second Monday in April at one O'Clock P M

Quincy Whitney Moderator

A true copy
Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

1868

List of Jurors

John Bennitt	Caleb Howard
Jona Bullock	Calvin Holman
A J Bancroft	James H Holman
W H Blood	G W Howe
G F Chandler	H D Humphrey
J Cunningham	Jeremiah Moore
O W Carter	S R Merrick
Joseph Cole	B F Phelps
Franklin Davis	Leander Powell
Asa Estey	H N Sweet
Rufus Eager	J F Musston
Charles F Fletcher	J W Phelps
B F Farnsworth	F H Willard
I M Fuller	C J Wilder
C N Goodall	I H White
Carter Wilder	

S R Merrick
Calvin Holman } Selectmen of Lancaster.

List of persons sworn

The following persons have severally appeared before the Town Clerk and taken the oath of office viz

L L Farwell	Selectman
Selman Rowe	Assessor
" "	Sup. of Lumber
Wm Bennitt	Measr of Wood
G W Howe	Treasurer

1868 March Meeting Adjournment

Voted to take up the 5th Art of the Warrant raising money

Voted

To raise for current expenses. the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars $7.000,

From 1 mile five Thousand Dollars $1.000 to be appropriated to payment of debt on the Memorial Hall.

Voted

For Highways To raise the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars. $1500. and appropriate the same to the repair of Highways.

Voted

For Schools To raise for the use of Schools. the sum of Twenty Four Hundred Dollars $2400.

Voted

Repair of Sch Houses To raise and appropriate for the repair of School Houses. the sum of Three Hundred Dollars.

Voted

Committee on Dist Schools That the School committee be considered the subject of Education and the present condition of our Dist Schools. in order to devise means for the improvement of the same. and report at our next meeting.

Voted

Sale of Taxes To sell out the collection of Taxes. to S H Turner at 9 mills on a hundred

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

Quincy Whitney Moderator

A true copy

Attest J. S. Thompson Town Clerk

1868

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the Thirteenth day of April at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles - viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d To see what regulations the Town will adopt relating to the use of the Town Hall or act relating to the same.

3d To see if the Town will grant power to the School Committee to draw orders on the Town Treasurer or act relating to the same.

4th To see if the Town will change the entrance to the Town Hall cellar and finish a room in the same for the use and convenience of citizens or act relating to the same

5th To see if the Town will change the location of the Town Library or act relating to the same.

6th To see if the Town will choose a Clerk & Records for the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor or act relating to the same.

7th To see if the Town will accept & build a Bowling Alley, Crockery and other table furniture procured by citizens of Lancaster to be used at all public gatherings in the Town.

8th To see if the Town will allow the Fences on the west side of the Road near Atherton Bridge to be brought to the Statute Road, or act relating thereto

9th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to pay certain outstanding orders of the School Committee or take any action relating thereto.

10th To see what measures the Town will take to raise money to defray Expenses to hear the Reports of any outstanding Committee and act thereon

To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster the Town Village and the Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this fourth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell
S N Turner
} Selectmen of Lancaster

1868

April Warrant continued

Worcester ss Lancaster April 13th 1868

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at South Lancaster - the North village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

J H Sumner - Constable

Town Meeting Apr 13th 1868

The voters assembled at the Town Hall at one O'Clock

The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator - Elected

Quincy Whitney Moderator

On the Art concerning the use of the Town Hall

Voted -

Use of Town Hall

That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for all - moral religious, and educational purposes - where no fee is charged at the door - but on the petition of five legal voters - the Hall shall be granted to citizens - on payment of the expenses - in other cases - at the discretion of the Selectmen -

School Com orders.

On the subject of School committees orders

Voted

That the School committee be authorized to draw orders on the Town Treasurer. That books be procured - and a detailed record be kept with the other records of the Town - and a detailed report be annually presented to the Town -

On the subject of entrance to cellar of Town Hall

Voted -

Repair of Cellar at Town Hall

To instruct the Selectmen to change the entrance of the Town Hall cellar to the south side, and to finish such room or rooms, as may be necessary for cooking purposes - keeping crockery - and care of the furnace -

On removal of Town Library

Voted

To authorize the Library committee to remove the Library when necessary -

On the subject of Clerk of records

Voted to pass over the article.

Crockery

On Subject of crockery

Voted

To accept the articles for the use of the Town

On Art 8

Voted To refer the matter to the Selectmen - with power to grant the request -

1868 April Meeting continued

On the subject of expenses

Voted

To raise money To authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding Four Thousand Dollars - in anticipation of taxes $4,000

Voted

To authorize the Treasurer to pay outstanding orders of School Committee

Report of committees

The Committee on Town Library made their annual report

Voted accepted

Library Committee

Voted and chose the following as Library Committee

G M Bartol	Quincy Whitney
J L S Thompson	Wm Mc Neil
Henry Wilder	W A Wilbourn
E M Fuller	

The Selectmen reported as to the repairs of Town Hall

Voted

Town Hall That the present board of Selectmen be a committee to carry into effect the report of the retiring board as to repairs of Town Hall

Voted To dissolve the meeting

Quincy Whitney - Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

1866

Memorial Hall

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of Lancaster held Nov 6th 1866 after listening to a report of a committee chosen at a former meeting to solicit subscriptions for the erection of a Memorial Hall (the town having voted the sum of $5.000, provided an equal amount was raised by subscription) it was.

Voted

That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to nominate a general committee of seven members, who shall have full charge of the matter of location, style of building, and erection of the same. The following were elected - viz

Nathaniel Thayer	Jacob Fisher
G M Bartol	" Henry Wilder
J L S Thompson	F B Fay
Quincy Whitney	

Francis B Fay declining to serve it was

Voted

That Maj & M Fuller be chosen to fill the vacancy.

Voted

That the Selectmen ex officio be added to the above committee

A true copy

J L S Thompson Town Clerk

Meeting of committee

At a meeting of the committee chosen at the last meeting on the location and erection of a Memorial Hall held Nov 8th the meeting was organized by the choice of

Nov 8th Meeting of committee

Nathaniel Thayer	Chairman
J L S Thompson	Secretary

Voted

That Jacob Fisher be requested to convey the subscription of Deborah Stearns consisting of wood land - into money.

After examining a plan for Memorial Hall submitted by Messrs Ryder & Harris of Boston it was

Voted

To adjourn to Monday Dec 10th at 2 Oclock P M.

Lancaster Nov 8th 1866

J L S Thompson Secretary

Meeting of committee

Committee met according to adjournment - no quorum present it was

Dec 10 Meeting of committee

Voted

To adjourn to Friday Dec 11th at 2 Oclock P M

Lancaster Dec 10th 1866

J L S Thompson Secretary

1866 | Memorial Hall. continued

Meeting of Committee

Dec 11 | The Committee met according to adjournment: all present
The first business was the consideration & alterations in plans submitted by Messrs Ryder and Harris. Also examination of plan submitted by Mr Galloway of Boston. and Henry Wilder of Lancaster.
Meeting of Committee | Without coming to any decision. the Committee proceeded to view the different locations proposed. after which it was
Voted
That Jacob Fisher. H Wilder. Jona Bullock. and L L Farwell be a committee to ascertain at what price the sheds near the Methodist Church can be removed or purchased also the price of a lot of land back of sheds. and Miss Carlton's lot.
Voted
To adjourn to four weeks from this date
Lancaster Dec 11th 1866
J L S Thompson Secretary

1867 Meeting of Committee
Jan 11 The Committee met according to adjournment: all the members present except L R Merriell & I M Fuller.
Meeting of Committee | The first business was the report of Committee on sheds and land in rear of Town House and Miss Carlton's lot.
The Committee reported that no difficulty existed to the removal of the sheds. that the necessary land in rear of Town House can be purchased for the sum of $300, Miss Carlton's lot for $100. After some discussion it was
Voted
To locate the building on the lot between the Church and Town Hall.
Voted
That Messrs Ryder and Harris be employed to furnish a plan for Memorial Hall in consultation with the Committee
Voted
That Jacob Fisher be authorized to complete the purchase of the land.
Voted
That the Committee on sheds be authorized to purchase if necessary the sheds to be removed.
Voted
To adjourn to call of Chairman
Lancaster Jan 11th 1867
J L S Thompson Secretary

1867 | Memorial Hall continued

Meeting of Committee

Mar 7 Meeting of Committee | The Committee met at call of Chairman - all the members present
The first business was the reading of a petition to change the location of the building
Voted
To lay the petition on the table, and that the petitioners be requested to appear before the committee, and state their objections to the location designated by the Com - and indicate such other location as they prefer for the location of Memorial Hall
Voted
That when we adjourn it be to Friday 15 inst at 9 o'clock A M
Voted
To accept the plan submitted by Messrs Ryder & Harris for Memorial Hall
Voted To adj
Lancaster Mar 7th 1867
J L S Thompson Secretary

Meeting of Committee

Mar 15 Meeting of Committee | The Committee met according to adjournment - all present except Mr Fuller
The first business was the hearing of petitioners for change of location -
Mr Geo W Johnson made a few remarks in opposition to location designated - but still was willing to abide the action of the Com -
Mr L L Wilder was opposed to present location - and would prefer other places
The above were the only individuals who appeared in opposition to the location selected by the Committee - After the hearing of petitioners it was
Voted
To cause an Art to be inserted in the Parish Warrant - asking a vote of Land belonging to said Parish for the erection of Memorial Hall -
Voted
That the chair appoint an Executive committee of three members - elected
Jacob Fisher - G M Bartol - Calvin Holman
Voted
That the Deed of purchase be made to Mathl Thayer under obligation to Quit claim to the Town -
Voted
That Messrs Farwell & Bullock be continued as Com on Sheds
Voted & A. to adj
Lancaster Mar 15th 1867
J L S Thompson Secretary

1868 Memorial Hall Continued

May 28 Meeting of Committee

Present Messrs. Bartol, Fisher, Wilder, Whitney and the Secretary

Meeting of Committee

Voted

That the Dedication of Memorial Hall be assigned for June 17"

Voted

That the Rev Christopher Thayer be invited to deliver the dedicatory address on the 17" inst.

Voted

To adjourn to call of the Chairman

Lancaster May 28 1868

J L S Thompson Secretary

Meeting of Committee

June 15 The Committee met at call of the Chairman

Voted

Meeting of Committee

That the Rev. Mr Leavitt be invited to give the reading of Scripture as a part of the dedicatory services

Voted

To invite Rev Mr Bartol to give the dedicatory prayer

Voted

That the Chairman of the Committee act as President of the day, the several members as aids to the president

Voted

That the Rev Messrs Bartol and Whitney be a Committee to arrange the order of Exercises and cause the same to be printed

Voted

That the Rev Mr Whittemore be invited to give the closing religious service

Voted

That Maj J M Fuller be requested to notify the resident soldiers and invite them to be present at the dedicatory services

Voted

That when the Com adjourn it be to Wednesday 17" inst at 11 Oclock A M

Voted

To adjourn

Lancaster June 15" 1868

J L S Thompson Secretary

1868

Memorial Hall continued

Meeting of Committee

June 17 Meeting of Committee

The Committee met according to adjournment

The first business was the report of Executive Building Committee

Voted.

To accept the report

Voted.

That the Thanks of the Committee be presented to the Executive Committee for faithful services. and that they be discharged.

The next business was a report by the Chairman. Adopted. and

Voted.

That the same be presented to the Town, and recorded on the Town books

Voted

That the Thanks of the Committee are due to Edward D Harris Esq Architect for only for the chaste and appropriate design. the beauty and convenience of the building erected under his immediate supervision but for the personal as well as professional interest which he has shown, in carrying out their instructions from the Town, to so happy a fulfilment. and that a copy of this vote be transmitted to Mr Harris by the Secretary

Report of Building Committee

At a legal meeting held Nov 6th 1866. the Town voted the sum of Five Thousand Dollars & 500 - provided an equal amount was subscribed by individuals. for the purpose of erecting a building to the memory of those citizens of the Town. who laid down their lives. in the war of the rebellion, and which should also accommodate the Town Library. and provide a Fire Proof room for the Town Officers, and the preservation of the Town records.

Seven persons. with the Selectmen & Officers. were appointed as a committee with full power to carry into effect the vote of the Town.

A considerably larger sum was readily obtained by individual subscription and after mature deliberation. the committee unanimously agreed upon the location, and adopted a plan presented by Mr E D Harris of Boston. who was appointed Architect of the building. which has been completed. to their entire satisfaction - and the care and custody of the building this day passes over to the Selectmen of the Town

Lancaster June 17th 1868 Nathaniel Thayer - Chairman

A true copy

Attest L S Thompson Town Clerk

1868 Males between the ages of 18 and 45 May 1st 1868 and liable to do Military duty.-viz

L b Albee
Geo I Bigelow
James Burke
Augustus W Bean
Thomas Burke
William H Blood
Wm J Barnes
Morris Bolin
Michael Burke
Patrick Burke Jr
Charles E Blood
Sidney J Butler
A J Banerd[illegible]
Henry A Hills
George Bullrich
Geo H Broadway
Horatio Bailey
Thomas Brennon

b A Buckering
W R Cunningham
Thomas O Conner
E W Carr
O W Carter
Henry N Cheney
Patrick Costello
Isaac N Cutler
Michael Conway
Charles W Carter
N J Colburn
D A Carter
Fiesla Dolphin
Patrick Dillon
Patrick Devin
Joseph Day
Thomas F Davis
F W Devoll

Asa Estey
Henry Elmer
Rufus Eager
Edward Ellis

Michael Fury
George Fay
John E Farnsworth
Augustus Frost

b A Fairbanks
William H Fisher
b F Fletcher
J D Farnsworth
John Fahey
L A Farwell

Moses Gurlin
Theodor Gurlin
Thomas Mc Govern
Ernest Gade
Walter Goss
Barney Glynn

D M Howard
H D Humphrey
Alfred Heald
Eli E Howe
Henry Hosley
Abram Herbert Jr
Henry F Hosmer
Henry A Howard
Josiah Harris
N b Hawkins
John Hodgsey
H b Harriman
G M Huntington
James H Holman
H M Holmes
J W Hunting
Augustus Hall
H b Howard
Dennis Hayes

F W Johnson
John James
Geo A Jackson
F J Johnson
Ezekiel Johnson
Wm A Osborn
Sumner Noyes
Peter Jones
Wm J Knight

Sewell Lawrence
Herbert L Wise
Nelson H Larkin

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Military List.

Alex Lamoreaux
Patrick Lawless

Edgar Mayett
Jos B Moore
John Mahar
Wm Meeres
I R Merrick
Wm W Munroe
Michael Murray
Jerry Mitchell
Alfred T Morey
David W Mathews
P R Mansfield
James Mc Leod
John I Munroe
Wm Mc Neil
Frank Mullett
Charles W Nourse
A F Nutting
John Neal
Albert P Nickerson

Nathan Piper
Edwin Parker
Alex Page
James Pearly
Henry I Priest
Wm B Perkins

Tom Rugg
Leander Rowell
John A Rice
John Rice
J I Racy
G I Rice
Alfred Wyman
F H Willard
J M Whittemore
W L Wilder Jr
William Wise
Blake Winslow
W F Warren

Oliver B Sawyer
Chas J Stout
Patrick Shearey
Randolph Scarlett
Henry W Shaw
Elman Keller
Joseph Sinclair
John Sullivan
John A Sargent
Henry H Howe
Chas P Sawtell
George Spencer
Geo F Stearns
Charles Smith
Daniel B Snow
Wm J Scribner
H N Sweet
Wm Spencer
Joseph Scully
Joseph Stevens

Edward Tracy
F D Taylor
J H Thorn
John Tracy
W I H Turner
John F Thurston

Arthur Underwood

Edward E Wilder
Benj F Wyman
William Warren
Frederick Whitney
Solon Wilder
Wm Woodward
G W Willard
L P Wood Jr
A R Willard
Chas H Williams
G W Wellington
Chas F Wilder
G W White

Lancaster June 30 1868

Warren Davis
Stedman Nourse } Assessors of Lancaster
Chas J Wheeler

1868

November Meeting 1868

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester-

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Tuesday the Third day of November next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles - viz

Warrant

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen one Ballot, for two Electors at Large, and for one Elector for each of the Congressional Districts in the Commonwealth (being residents in their respective Districts) for President and Vice President of the United States -

To bring in their votes, on one Ballot, for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Auditor, Representative to Congress for District Number Nine, Councillor for District No six, County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Senator for Worcester & Natural District Number Six, and for High Sheriff for the County of Worcester.

To bring in their votes on one Ballot, for one Representative to represent District Number Six in Worcester County, in the General Court to be held in Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next.
The Polls may be closed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon -

To hear the report of any outstanding Committee, and act thereon
Choose any Committee or Committees, that may be thought necessary -

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Third Meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight

Nathan Sherman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
J H Sumner

Worcester ss

Lancaster Nov 3d 1868

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies at the several South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Third Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting -

J H Sumner Constable of Lancaster

1868

November Meeting 1868

The Voters of Lancaster qualified at the Town Hall at one Oclock PM the meeting was called to Order and the Warrant read by the Selectmen after which it was voted.

To vote for National, State, County and Distrct Officers, on one Ballot. The meeting then proceeded to vote for the following Officers. viz

Electors at Large

For Electors at Large

David Sears, of Boston - had 254 - votes
John H Clifford " New Bedford had 254 votes
Josiah G Abbot of Boston " 44 votes
John R Briggs of Sheffield " 44 votes

For an Elector for Dist. No One

Richard L Rose of Edgartown had 254 votes
Isaac F Jones of Sandwich had 44 votes

Electors of President & Vice President

For an Elector for Dist. No Two

William Mason of Taunton had 254 votes
Samuel B Thaxter of Abington had 44 votes

For an Elector for Dist. No Three

William Whiting of Boston, had 254 votes
James M Keith of Boston had 44 votes

For an Elector for Dist. No Four.

Frank B Fay of Chelsea had 254 votes
Edwin L Barnes of Chelsea had 44 votes

For an Elector for Dist. No Five

James N Buffum of Lynn had 254 votes
Jonathan Hayson of Amesbury had 44 votes

For an Elector for Dist. No Six

George Bagdwell of Bradford had 254 votes
John N Tarbox of Lawrence had 44 votes

For an Elector for Dist. No Seven

Wiley Edmands of Malden, had 254 votes
William F Salmon of Lowell had 44 votes

For an Elector for Dist. No Eight

Levi Whitin of Northbridge had 254 votes
Levi Barker of Worcester had 44 votes

For an Elector for Dist. No Nine

Charles A Stevens of Ware	had	354	votes
J Otis Hale of Hubbardston	had	44	votes

For an Elector for Dist. No Ten

Nm B Whitney of Westfield	had	354	votes
Henry W Bishop of Lenox	had	44	votes

For Representative to Congress for 9th Dist.

William B Washburn of Greenfield	had	364	votes
Charles Haywood of Gardner	had	44	votes

For Governor

William Claflin of Newton	had	353	votes
John Quincy Adams of Quincy	had	44	votes

For Lieut. Governor

Joseph Tucker of Lenox	had	352	votes
Reuben Noble of Westfield	had	44	votes
Whiting Griswold of Greenfield	had	1	vote

For Councellor Dist. No Seven

Charles Adams jr of North Brookfield	had	354	votes
Levi Haywood of Gardner	had	44	votes

For Secretary of State

Oliver Warner of Northampton	had	354	votes
Charles Wimblecome of Ware	had	44	votes

For Treasurer

Jacob H Loud of Plymouth	had	354	votes
Harvey Arnold of Adams	had	44	votes

For Auditor

Henry S Briggs of Pittsfield	had	354	votes
A F Desereux of Roxbury	had	44	votes

For Attorney General

Charles Allen of Boston	had	354	votes
William C Endicott of Salem	had	44	votes

For Senator 9th Dist.

John H Lockey of Leominster	had	364	votes
Charles H B Snow of Fitchburg	had	44	votes

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November Meeting continued

For District Attorney

William W Rice of Worcester	had	254	votes
Charles A B Snow of Fitchburg	had	44	votes

For Sheriff

John S C Knowlton of Worcester	had	254	votes
George Hodges of Oxford	had	44	votes

For Commissioners of Insolvency

D A Merriam of Fitchburg	had	254	votes
A G Briscoe of Westborough	had	254	votes
F P Goulding of Worcester	had	254	votes
F F Fay of Athol	had	254	votes

Register of Probate and Insolvency

Charles E Stevens of Worcester	had	254	votes
F W Perry of Worcester	had	244	votes

For County Commissioner

William O Boynton of Royalston	had	254	votes
A J Sumner of Milford	had	44	votes

For Special Commissioners

John McClellan of Grafton	had	254	votes
Silas Holman of Bolton	had	253	votes
G G Valentine of Northborough	had	44	votes
Henry C Hill of Gardner	had	44	votes

For Representative to General Court

Jacob Fisher of Lancaster	had	173	votes
Charles L Wilder of Lancaster	had	59	votes
Jonas N Damon of Lancaster	had	49	votes

The above votes were collected, sorted and counted, public declaration made thereof, and added up in Town Meeting according to law

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
S H Turner

Voted
To dissolve the meeting

A true copy
Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

1868 Representative Meeting

The Clerks of the several Towns comprising the Sixth Worcester Dist- having assembled at Lancaster at 12 O'clock M. submitted the following report of the vote for Representative viz

Votes in Lancaster

Jacob Fisher of Lancaster	received	173	votes
Charles L Wilder	Do	59	votes
Jonas M Damon	Do	49	

Votes in Bolton

Jacob Fisher of Lancaster	received	147	votes
Charles L Wilder "	"	139	votes
Jonas M Damon "	"	18	votes

Votes in Harvard

Jacob Fisher of Lancaster	received	146	votes
Chas L Wilder "	"	15	votes
Jnas M Damon "	"	87	

Recapitulation

Jacob Fisher has	466	votes
Chas L Wilder "	203	"
J M Damon "	154	"

Jacob Fisher of Lancaster thus having a majority of all the votes cast in the District, was declared elected as Representative for Town 6th Dist

J L S Thompson Town Clerk

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1869

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Wednesday the Twenty Seventh day of January next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles - viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting -

2d To see if the Town will take any action for a Rail Road Survey from the Town of Sudbury through Lancaster, to connect with Hoosac Tunnel, or take any action relating thereto.

3d To see if the Town will take any action in relation to the R. Road Bridge between Lancaster and Clinton.

4th To see if the Town will allow Mr George A Parker any compensation for repairs made by him on the Road leading from South Lancaster to Sterling, or act relating to the same.

5th To hear the reports of any outstanding Committees and act thereon

6th To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell Selectmen of Lancaster
I H Turner

Worcester ss

Lancaster Jan 27th 1869

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting.

I H Turner Constable

1869 | Town Meeting Jan 27th 1869

The voters assembled in accordance with the warrant. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the town Clerk. After which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator. Voted

L L Harwell Moderator

Voted

To take up the 4th Art.

After some explanation by the Selectmen of the amount expended by Mr Parker for the improvement of the Highway at Sandy Hill. It was

Voted

To pay George A Parker the sum of $300, as an expression of our appreciation of the improvements made in the Highway on Sandy Hill.

Geo A Parker

The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the 5 Art. When, after some discussion as to the different routes. The following Resolutions were presented.

Resolutions

R Road

Whereas. An application is about to be made to the Legislature for the charter of a R Road to be called the Massachusetts Central Rail Road, designed to accommodate the Central portion of the State. And accommodated by the Western and Eastern lines, and Whereas the interests of this town are largely involved in the question of the location of said Road. It is

Resolutions

Resolved. That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to correspond with committees of adjoining towns, in procuring such surveys as may be required under the circumstances, and presenting their results in a proper manner, to the Legislature, at the proper time.

Resolved.

That said committee shall take such further action touching the question of the location of proposed Rail Roads through this town as may be found to be expedient.

Resolved.

That it be further duty of said committee to petition in behalf of this town, for the right to subscribe to the capital stock of said M.C.R.R. or any other Rail Road, that the town may find it for its interest to appropriate and expend for the same, and to act in all matters relating thereto pertaining to the valuation of the town.

Resolved

The expense incurred by said committee in procuring surveys and petitioning the Legislature, be borne by the town, it being the duty of the town Treasurer, to pay the same.

Resolved

That the committee be instructed to ask leave of the legislature for the town to pay the expense of said surveys.

After some discussion it was

Voted. To adopt the Resolutions

Voted

That the following act as a committee to carry the resolutions into effect. viz

George A Parker. C L Wilder. & J Symmes Calvin Holman L L Harwell.

Voted

R R Bridge

To refer the 3 Art to the Selectmen

Voted. To dissolve the meeting

L L Harwell - Moderator

Town Clerk

1869

March Meeting 1869

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

Prior 1" To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester greeting

Warrant In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the first day of March next, at One O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles - viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

3 To choose a member of the School committee for three years, in the place of the retiring member of said committee

4" To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen, and act thereon.

5" To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

6" To see if the Town will make a discount to such persons as shall make voluntary payment of their taxes for the ensuing year, prior to specified times, and if any, how much.

7" To determine the manner of repairing Highways Townways and Bridges. the year ensuing.

8" To revise the list of Jurors.

9" To see if the Town will purchase a tract of land, about fifty acres. known as the Stuart Lot for a Town burying, or act relating thereto.

10 To see if the Town will reaffirm, or reconsider its action under Article 2 at the last Town Meeting.

11 To see if the Town will grant each School District the right to choose their Prudential Agents, and authorize said Agents to contract with School Teachers

12" To see if the Town will abolish the School Districts, or act relating thereto

13 To hear the report of any committee, and act thereon

14 To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings

1869

Continuation of March Meeting

Whereon, I, The Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands, this twentieth day of February, in the year one
Thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
S H Turner

Worcester ss

Lancaster March 1st 1869

Return — I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

S H Turner Constable

Town Meeting March 1st 1869

Proceedings of Town Meeting — The voters assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk at one o'clock after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator and elected

Lucius L Farwell Moderator

On motion of Henry Wilder it was
Voted
To take up for consideration the 10th Art.
After some discussion it was
Voted

Reconsideration of action had at previous meeting — To reconsider the action had at the last Town Meeting, June 3rd 1867 under the 3d Article of the warrant of said meeting
Voted
To indefinitely postpone the 10th Art.

Voted and chose the following officers for the ensuing year viz

Town Clerk — J L I Thompson - Town Clerk

Selectmen — Calvin Holman, Lucius L Farwell, Stevens H Turner - Selectmen

Assessors — Sewell Day, Stedman Nourse, Charles F Fletcher - Assessors

Treasurer — George W Howe - Treasurer

School Committee — William Mc Neil - School committee

1861 March Meeting Continued

Constables — Jos. Tilden - S. H. Turner - Constables

Field Drivers

Field Drivers — Henry Hosley, Franklin Davis 2d, Charles Bingham, B. F. Farnsworth, H. W. Wellington, Joseph Moore, Charles Blood, Samuel Rugg, J. R. Nourse, James Swan, Charles Wiswell

Measurers of Wood

Measurers of Wood — B. F. Phelps, Silon Whiting, Wm. P. Holden, John Bennett 2d, Carter Tilden, J. W. Phelps 2d

Surveyors of Lumber

Surveyors of Lumber — Alba Esty - John Bennett 2d; J. W. Phelps 2d - Stedman Nourse 2d

Fence Viewers

Fence Viewers — Benj. B. Otis - George K. Tuttle - John Albee

Seal Leather — George A. Johnson - Sealer of Leather

Sealer of Staves — Alex. Potter - Sealer of Staves

Vaccinating Committee

Vaccinating Committee — J. L. S. Thompson - Ralph Cummings

Auditing Committee

Auditing Committee — S. R. Merrick - J. L. S. Thompson - Henry Tilden

Voted
To defer the choice of Fire Wards to the adjournment of this meeting

Report Selectmen — The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor submitted their annual report

Voted
To refer the same to the Auditing Committee

Town Treas Report — The Town Treasurer submitted his annual report

Voted
To refer the same to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted
To defer the raising of money to adjournment of this meeting

Voted
To defer the 6th Art. to the adjournment of this meeting

1869 March Meeting continued

Voted

That the Highways be placed in the hands of Calvin Holman for repair the same as last year.

Voted

To accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen

Voted

To refer the 5th Art. to a committee & give to report at the April meeting

Elected as said committee

Francis B Fay	Calvin Holman
John Bennitt	N C Hawkins

S R Merrick

Voted

To add to the above committee the committee on Cemeteries

Voted

To defer the 11th Art. to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted

To defer the 13th Art. to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted

To adjourn to the 1st Monday in April at One Oclock P M

L L Farwell - Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

List of Jurors

✓ John Bennitt	✓ H F Hosmer
✓ Jon[a] Bullock	G W Howe
✓ J W Barnes	✓ H D Humphrey
✓ Tom H Blood	✓ Calvin Holman
✓ G F Chandler	✓ Geo A Johnson
✓ John Cunningham	✓ S R Merrick
✓ O W Carter	✓ B S Phelps
✓ Joseph Cole	✓ Hamlin Powell
✓ Franklin Davis	✓ H N Steel
✓ Asa Estey	✓ Charles Safford
✓ Rufus Eager	✓ S H Turner
✓ B F Farnsworth	✓ J W Phelps
✓ C K Goodall	✓ F H Willard
✓ Caleb Howard	✓ C J Wilder
✓ J H Holman	C L Wilder Jr
✓ N C Hawkins	Carter Wilder

1869

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Tuesday the twenty third day of March inst. at one o'Clock in the afternoon, then

Warrant and there to act on the following Arts. viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To see if the Town will reconsider the action under the Tenth Art. of the Warrant for the meeting of March 1st 1869.

3d To see if the Town will take any further action in relation to the proposed Rail Road through this Town

To hear the report of any Committee and act thereon

To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary -

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon. To the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -

Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of March, in the year one Thousand eight hundred and sixty nine

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster

Lancaster March 23 1869

Worcester ss

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder - Constable -

1869 Town Meeting March 23d 1869

The voters assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant; the meeting was called to order as soon as the moderator arrived, after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of a moderator unanimously

Voted. Quincy Whitney Moderator

Town Meeting March 23d on Rail Road

Voted

To pass over the 2d Art.

The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the 3d Art; and after a full and free discussion adopted the following Preamble and Resolution

Voted

Whereas

The citizens of the Town of Lancaster cordially approving the plan of a Rail Road from the Town of Hudson through Lancaster to Clinton

Resolved.

That George A Parker. Charles L Wilder. Caleb F Symmes Edwin Holman and Lucius I Fairbank, be and they are hereby appointed a committee in behalf of the town, to perfect and complete the surveys and plans for a Rail Road through the town, commenced by a committee appointed by the town at the meeting held on the 27th day of January last, and to do whatever in their judgement shall seem best to obtain a charter from the present legislature for such railroad. Provided the expense incurred by said committee be paid by private subscription

Resolved.

That the committee be instructed to ask the legislature to authorize the construction of the aforesaid Railroad by such a route as will secure a loan of its credit to an amount not exceeding five per cent of the valuation of the town.

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

Quincy Whitney - Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

The following have appeared and taken the oath of Office viz

Samuel Day	
Sidman Towne	Assessors
E F Fletcher	
J W Phelps	Wood & Lumber
T3 T3 Otis	Fence Viewer
Charles Wood	Field Driver
Chas Chickering	" "
Geo N Sawtell	Fence View
Samuel Rugg	Field Driver

1869

March Meeting Adjournment

The Voters of Lancaster reassembled at the Town Hall, at one Oclock and were called to Order by the Moderator.

The first business was the Choice of Five Wards

Voted, And Chose

Five Wards

Thomas B Warren	Calvin Holman
John W Barnes	L W Burbank
L L Farwell	S H Turner
John F Murdon	H H Hosmer
C L Tilden Jr	

Voted

To raise for the current expenses, the sum of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars $10,700. to be appropriated as follows. viz

Town Grant

For Schools Twenty Eight Hundred Dollars $2800
For Highways Fifteen Hundred Dollars $1500
For Town Library Three Hundred Dollars $300

Voted

School Repairs

To authorize the School Committee to expend of the appropriation for Schools. the sum of $400. for repairs

Voted

Discount on Taxes

To make a discount of 5 per cent to all those who shall make voluntary payment of their Taxes. before Oct 10th

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

L L Farwell Moderator

A true copy

Attest L L Thompson Town Clerk

1869

April Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the 5th day of April next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To choose a Moderator, to preside at said meeting.

2d To choose a full Board of School Committee, one third for one year, one third for two years, and one third for three years.

3d To determine what if any change is expedient in the present plan or manner of posting the warrants for Town Meeting, in order to cause more convenient and general notice to legal voters - Also expediency of considering any other of the Municipal Acts - doings, and concerns, and act thereon.

4th To see if any change shall be made in the manner of Keeping the Town Records and Keeping a record of the doings of the different Boards of Town Officers, or act in relation thereto.

5th To see if the Town will take measures to restock the Nashua River, with Salmon, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

6 To see what measures the Town will take to raise money to defray expenses

To hear the report of any committee heretofore chosen, and act thereon
To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Ste Lancaster the North Village and the Town Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting -
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -
Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine -

Calvin Holman)
L L Harwell (Selectmen of Lancaster
J H Turner)

Worcester ss

Lancaster Apl 5th 1869

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at Ste Lancaster, the North Village, and the Town Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

J H Turner Constable

1861

April Meeting 1861

The Selectmen read the Town Warrant in accordance with the vote made
The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk
after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator and
Voted and chose
Quincy Whitney Moderator

The 1st Article was the election of a full board of School committee, as from
resignations and death - Nine vacancies existed
Voted
To choose a committee of six persons. Two for 3 years. Two for 2 years
and 2 for one year. Elected
G. R. Leavitt }
Mary G Ware } for 3 years

School committee

Quincy Whitney }
Charlotte Fisher } for 2 years

G. F. Tolder }
Lavantia Bradley } for 1 year

Voted
Posting Warrants — That the Selectmen be instructed to post an additional warrant outside
at the Post Office, in a proper box procured for the purpose -
Voted
Auditing a/c — That the Town accounts shall be properly audited, before the same are printed
Voted
To indefinitely postpone the 4th Art.

On the 5th Art. after some remarks as to the beneficial results anticipated
Voted
Salmon in Nashua River — That a committee of three be chosen, who shall make application to the
Fish Commissioners for aid in re-stocking the Nashua River with Salmon, to
correspond with Officers of the Town bordering on the river, and to act as Com-
missioners for the Town. Elected - A. L. Thompson, Wm. H. Neil, Geo. A. Parker. Committee
Committee — To carry the above into effect
Voted
That a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars ($200) be appropriated by the
Town, and placed at the disposal of said committee
Voted
Borrow Money — That the Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in
anticipation of Taxes

Auditing committee made their report
Voted - Accepted

The committee on Town Cemetery made their report to the Town
Voted - Accepted -

1869

April Meeting continued

Collection of Taxes

Voted

That the subject of a Town Meeting be indefinitely postponed

Voted

To let the collection of taxes to lowest bidder

Let out for collection to William Wood at 7 mills on the dollar

Voted

And chose William Wood Collector of taxes

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

Rainey Whitney - Moderator.

A true copy

Attest J. L. Thompson Town Clerk.

1864 List of persons liable to military duty for the year 1864

Names	Ages	Occupation	Names	Ages	Occupation
Marcus Ames	39	Clergyman	Martin Dolphin	36	Farmer
L b Abel	19	Farmer	Albert Ellis one arm	27	"
Wm J Ashley	26	Blacksmith	James Elsell	32	"
George Bullock	27	Mechanic	Asa Estey	43	Carpenter
Thomas Burke	26	Laborer	Michael Egan	40	Farmer
James Burke	40	"	Charles Edson	19	Sailor
William Blood	25	Farmer	Henry Elmer	30	Teamster
Geo F Bigelow	33	Painter	Michael Feury	35	Laborer
J D Butler	29	Machinist	Thomas Fahay	21	Blacksmith
F M Brewster	18	Clerk	Barth[w] Fahay	23	Laborer
Charles Blood	27	Farmer	Daniel Fitts	34	"
Christ[r] Boschreman	42	"	Fred Farnsworth	20	Farmer
Patrick Burke Jr	28	"	J D Farnsworth	30	"
Horatio Bailey	40	Agent	Alonzo Freeman (col)	25	Laborer
William N Brown	30	Blacksmith	Theodore Guerdin	28	Blacksmith
William A Bliss	26	Laborer	D W Goss	27	Teamster
A J Baneroft	40	Farmer	Chas F Gordon	23	Carpenter
Thomas Brannan	40	"	James D Green	20	Farmer
Ezra Burton	34	Brick Mak	Ernest Gaede	43	"
Wm b Bates	28	Labor bal	Alfred Heald	35	"
A J Bingham	36	"	John Hoelgerry	33	"
George Brockway	24	Farmer	b D Hanshaw	18	"
James Bailey	37	Carpenter	Wm Hunting	20	Laborer
b W Burbank	32	Brick Mak	Joseph Hunting	24	"
F M Balcom	24	Laborer	N b Hawkins	43	Farmer
Michael Burke	37	Farmer	D M Howard	40	Merchant
Morris Bolan	33	Laborer	E E Howe	37	Lumber Deal
Wm Burnoe	27	Farmer	H F Hosmer	31	Farmer
Wm J Burns	23	Laborer	H D Humphrey	37	"
Thomas Burk	30	"	Abr[m] Hebert	23	Laborer
S S Butler	39	Farmer	Marcus A Horton	21	Wheelwright
E W Carr	24	"	H b Hartman	43	Shoemaker
O W Carter	33	"	Leonard Howard bal	36	Laborer
Michael Conway	32	Laborer	James H Holman	44	Farmer
F H Carter	20	Miller	John James	28	Butcher
Isaac Cutler	27	Painter	Geo A Jackson	23	Mechanic
Patrick Coyle	38	Farmer	D S Johnson	18	Farmer
John Cooper	26	Laborer	F J Johnson	41	Carpenter
Chas Chickering	28	Agent	Wm J Knight	44	Farmer
Benj Cobb	21	"	S W Keyes	25	"
Nathan J Colburn	37	Farmer	W A Kilbourn	28	Teacher
Thomas Cones	40	"	Peter Lynch	40	Farmer
Patrick Costello	34	Laborer	Henry Linnenkempe	34	"
John Carlemi	20	Tinworker	G R Leavitt	38	Clergyman
F W Dixol	23	Blacksmith	Sewell Lawrence	38	Farmer
J N Day	28	Farmer	John Mara	40	"
Hardy Dolphin	42	"	D R Mansfield	31	Manufacturer
Patrick Dillon	40	"	Horace A Mansfield	38	Mechanic

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James McLeod		28	Miller	F H Willard	40	Farmer
Wm H McNeil		32	Clerk	C L Wilder Jr	26	Manufact
James McLaughlin		34	Farmer	J M Willcomb	34	Farmer
John H Maynard Jr		20	Carpenter	E E Wilder	34	Mechanic
Dan'l C Mathews		19	"	Chas Williams	31	Carpenter
David C Mathews		38	Farmer	Wm L Ward	28	
Jeremiah McCabe		42	Laborer	B F Wyman	30	Farmer
John Munroe		37	"	Solon Wilder	41	Mechanic
Henry Moulton		38	Farmer	William Wise	22	Sailor
John M Marrow		27	Painter	G M Bellington	32	Blk Smith
John C Mahan		30	Farmer	C F Wilder	23	Farm
Wm C Munroe		27	"	H A Weston	44	Mechanic
James McFarlain	Col	30	Laborer	Daniel Webster	30	"
S R Merrick		37	Farmer	C H Wilder	24	Harness maker
Almond Nutting		26	"	Wm C Warren	35	Butcher
Frank Nuttel		43	"	Frederick Woodward	21	Teamster
Albion Nickerson		37	"	Wm Hill	22	Clerk
Henry Priest		31	"	C C Morse	22	Shoemaker
Nathan Piper		39	"			
Leander Rowell		41	Tinworker	Lancaster Aug 6 1849		
Benj F Rice		40	Mechanic	Stillman Morse }		
Charles Rogan		19	Laborer	Chas F Fletcher }		Assessors
C A Robbins		26	"			
M C Redfield		26	"			
Charles Sawtell		24	"			
John Sullivan		40	Farmer			
John Sargent		21	Laborer			
J Stevens		35	Physician			
Gottfried Spies		36	Farmer			
Oliver B Sawyer		29	"			
Patrick Sheiry		37	"			
Chas J Stout		42	Agent			
Henry C Shaw		37	Carpenter			
Henry Stow		27	Wheelwright			
Geo H Stout		20	Soap maker			
Geo Spencer		24	Pump Mak			
Wm Spencer		21	Blk smith			
P M Stoddard		24	Spinner			
Daniel B Snow		36	Shoemak			
John F Thurston		36	Farmer			
A B Taylor		38	"			
C S H Turner		26	Shoe Mak			
Geo N Tuttle		19	Sailor			
John Taylor	Col	32	Lab			
Henry Taylor		27	Mechanic			
Daniel Thompson		30	Labor			
G C Willard		39	Farmer			
A R Willard		38	"			

1869

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday the second day of Nov next at one Oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

Warrant for Nov Meeting

1st To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor Lieut Governor of the Commonwealth. for Secretary of State. Treasurer and Receiver General. Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General. Councillor for Dist No Seven. Senator for Dist No Five. and one County Commissioner for Worcester County. on one Ballot.

And for one Representative to the General Court from District No Six on one Ballot.

The above Ballots to be brought in at the same time. and the Polls to be opened at One Oclock P M. and may be closed at Five Oclock P M.

2d To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in Town Affairs

3d To see if the Town will allow Wm H Newman a compensation for the keeping and care of the Standard Weights and Measures belonging to the Town.

4th To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars. for a Singing School the coming Winter.

5th To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon

6th To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof. at South Lancaster. the North Village. and the Brick Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town. seven days at least before the time for holding said Meeting. Herof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon. to the Town Clerk. at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of Oct. in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine

Calvin Holman
L L Harwell
S H Turner
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster Nov 2d 1869

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster. the North Village. and the Brick Meeting House and Post Office. in the said Town. seven days before the day of Meeting

S H Turner - Constable

1869 November Meeting

The voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant and the meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Clerk at One o'clock - after which the Polls were opened for the choice of State and Dist. Officers The votes being collected - sorted and counted were as follows - viz

For Governor.

William Claflin of Newton -	has	185	votes
John Quincy Adams of Quincy -	has	41	votes

For Lieut Governor.

Joseph Tucker of Lenox -	has	186	votes
Samuel O Lamb of Greenfield	has	40	votes

For Secretary of State

Oliver Warner of Northampton	has	186	votes
John R Barbox of Lawrence	has	40	votes

For Attorney General

Charles Allen of Boston	has	186	votes
Josiah G Abbott of Boston	has	40	votes

For Treasurer.

Jacob H Loud of Plymouth	has	186	votes
Levi Heywood of Gardner	has	40	votes

For Auditor

Charles W Wolcott of Canton	has	186	votes
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield	has	40	votes

For Councillor Dist No

Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield -	has	186	votes
Charles Nimblecom of Dana	has	40	votes

For Senator Dist No 5

Henry L Pierce of Clinton	has	82	votes
Lysander B Jaquith of Fitchburg	has	35	votes
S H Howe of Boston	has	104	votes

For County Com

Delorous Taft of Upton	has	175	votes
A J Sumner of Milford	has	34	votes

For Representative Dist No 6

Turnbull Bull of Harvard	has	68	votes
S F Whitney of Harvard	has	22	votes
George A Parker of Lancaster	has	133	votes

1869 | November Meeting Continued

The foregoing votes having been collected. sorted and counted. public declaration was made. and the votes sealed up in open Town Meeting. after which a Moderator was Chosen for Town affairs

The vote being collected and counted resulted in the choice of
L L Farwell. Moderator

Voted
That the compensation of Wm H Newman for care of Weights & Measures be left with the Selectmen

Voted
That the Town appropriate Two Hundred Dollars $200, for the teaching of singing

Voted
That the the above be expended under the direction of the School Committee

Voted
To dissolve the meeting

L L Farwell. Moderator

A true copy
Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk.

1869 | Representative D. 6th Dist.

The clerks of the several towns composing the Sixth Worcester Representative Dist. submitted the following return of the votes in the several towns for Representative viz

Town of Bolton

Trumbull Bull of Harvard	110	votes
S. F. Whitney of Harvard	17	"
George A. Parker of Lancaster	149	"

Town of Harvard

Trumbull Bull of Harvard	86	votes
S. F. Whitney of Harvard	86	"
George A. Parker of Lancaster	36	"

Town of Lancaster

Trumbull Bull of Harvard	68	votes
S. F. Whitney of Harvard	22	"
George A. Parker of Lancaster	133	

Recapitulation

Trumbull Bull of Harvard	264
S. F. Whitney of Harvard	127
George A. Parker of Lancaster	318

George A. Parker of Lancaster having a plurality of the votes was declared Representative elect from the Sixth Worcester Dist.

A true copy

Attest J. L. S. Thompson Dist. Clerk.

1870

March Meeting 1870

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Monday the seventh day of March next at one oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year

3d To choose a member of the School Committee for three years in the place of the retiring member of said Committee

Warrant

March Meeting 1870

4th To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

6th To see if the Town will vote to make a discount to such persons as shall make voluntary payment of their taxes for the ensuing year prior to specified times and if any how much.

7th To determine the manner of repairing Highways Townways and Bridges the year ensuing.

8th To see what measures the Town will take to improve the Highway between Bakers Grist Mill and Factory.

9th To choose a Trustee for the Charitable Fund in the Town of Lancaster to fill a vacancy in said Board.

10th To see if the Town will appropriate the Dog Fund for 1869 amounting to One Hundred fifty nine Dollars and sixty six cents $159.66 to the Town Library or to the Schools or act thereon.

11th To see if the Town will instruct the Superintending School Committee to reestablish and maintain schools during at least six months of the year in localities which shall be convenient and accessible to all inhabitants of the Town who are entitled to the privilege of schooling.

12th To see if the Town will add three members to the Board of Superintending School Committee.

13th To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one Hundred Dollars for the purchase of wall maps or other apparatus for school use.

1870

Warrant Continued

To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon
To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of
the same at South Lancaster. the North Village. and the Meeting
House. in the said Town. seven days at least before the time for holding
said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your
doings thereon. to the Town Clerk. at the time and place of meeting as
aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of February. in
the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy

Calvin Holman)
L L Farwell (Selectmen of Lancaster
S H Turner)

Worcester ss

Lancaster Mar 7th 1870

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of
the same at South Lancaster. the North Village. the West Meeting House
and the Post Office in the said Town. seven days before the day of meeting

S H Turner. Constable of Lancaster.

1870

Proceedings of March Meeting 1870

The voters assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant. The meeting was called to order at one Oclock and the warrant read by the Clerk. after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and elected

George W Howe - Moderator

After the election of Moderator the meeting proceeded to the election of the following officers. viz

Town Clerk	J L S Thompson	Town Clerk
Treasurer	George W Howe	Treasurer
Selectmen	Calvin Holman L W Howe Jona Bullock	Selectmen
Assessors	Sewell Day John Bennitt Jeremiah Moore	Assessors
School committee	George W Howe Charles F Wilder	School committee for 3 years
	Calvin W Burbank	School committee for 2 years

Field Drivers

Field Drivers	John Bennitt 2	Charles Bingham 2
	Thomas Fahey 2	Leonard Spaulding
	Chas W Howse	Franklin Davis
	B F Farnsworth 2	Joseph B Howe 2
	Francis Divol	Charles Blood
	Edward L Wilder 2	

Measurers of Wood

Measurers of Wood	Barney S Phelps 2	Jeremiah Moore
	D M Howard	Solon Whiting
	John Bennitt 2	Joel W Phelps 2

Surveyors of Lumber

Surveyors of Lumber	Asby Isley 2	Joel W Phelps 2
	John Bennitt 2	Stedman Howse 2

Fence Viewers

Fence Viewers	Benj B Ellis 2	John Albee 2
	John Bennitt 2	

Sealer of Leather

Seal Leather	George A Johnson

1870 March Meeting Continued

Sue Slaves — Sealer of Slaves
Alexander Potter

Sue Town — Vaccinating Committee
J L S Thompson Right. Cummings

Sued Town — Auditing Committee
S R Merrick. E F Symmes - Wm L Wilder Jr.

Reports — After the election of the Town Officers. the Selectmen. Treasurer. and Overseers of the Poor. submitted their annual reports
Voted
To accept the several reports.
Voted
Printing Reports — That hereafter. the Selectmen and School Committee be required to make their annual reports in print. ten days previous to March meeting and that the same be distributed to the voters.
Voted
Financial Committee — To refer Art. 5" to a Committee of Seven. Who shall report what appropriations of money are required by the Town. and how the same shall be expended. said report to be submitted at the April meeting
Elected as said Committee
Nathaniel Mayer Francis B Fay
George A Parker Jacob Fisher
Calvin Holman George W Howe
Jona Bullard
Voted
Discount on Taxes — To make a discount of 5 per cent to all persons who shall make a voluntary payment of their Taxes. on or before Dec. 10"
Voted
Repair of Highways — That the Highways. Bridgeways. and Bridges be placed in the hands of Calvin Holman for Repair. the same as last year.
Voted
Carters — To refer Art. 8" to Calvin Holman Overseer of Highways
Road — Voted
Trustee — And chose S R Merrick Trustee of the Charitable Fund
Voted
Dog Fund — That the money received from the License of Dogs. be placed to the credit of the Town Library
Voted
Schools — To refer Art. 11" to the Financial Committee of seven
Voted
School Maps — To refer the recommendations of the School Committee to the Committee on finance. Also Art. 13" of the warrant
Voted. To pass over Art. 12"
To adjourn to 1st Monday in April. at 1 Oclock P M
G W Howe Moderator
J L S Thompson Town Clerk

1870

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the fourth day of April next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz

Warrant for April Meeting

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To revise the List of Jurors

3 To see if the Town will allow J W Wellington to let his paint Shop remain as now located, for the term of three years, or act thereon

4th To see if the Town will place one or more Fire Extinguishers in each of the three villages in Town, or act thereon

To hear the report of any outstanding committee, and act thereon

To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Herof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon. To the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands, this twenty sixth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy

Calvin Holman
Geo W Howe } Selectmen of Lancaster
John Bullock

Worcester ss

Lancaster April 4th 1870

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, the Post Office, and Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

1870

April Meeting 1870

Proceedings of the Meeting held April 4th 1870

The voters assembled at the Iron Hall in accordance with the warrant. The meeting was called to order at one o'clock and the warrant read by the Clerk. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of Moderator and elected

Lucius L Farwell Moderator.

On Art. 2d voted

To accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen

Voted on Art 3

To allow G W Wellingtons Shop to remain as now located for a term of three years

Voted on Art 4th

To refer the subject to a committee of three with full powers Elected Calvin Holman - J L S Thompson - G F Chandler - as said committee

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

L L Farwell - Moderator.

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Iron Clerk.

List of Jurors

John Bennett	George W Howe
Wm Bullock	N D Humphrey
John W Barnes	Calvin Holman
Wm H Blood	George A Johnson
Geo F Chandler	Thomas Laughton
Wm Cunningham	S R Merrick
Oliver W Carter	Barney S Phelps
Sewell Day	Leander Rowell
Arba Utley	Charles Safford
Rufus Lager	S H Turner
B F Farnsworth	F H Willard
Lucius L Farwell	Chas L Wilder Jr
G R Goodall	Geo W Wellington
James H Holman	Carter Wilder
N G Hawkins	J R Wyman
N F Hosmer	Warren Willard

1870 Adjournment of March Meeting

The former Moderator being absent. The first business was the Choice of Moderator. and the meeting Elected

Lucius L Farwell - Moderator

After which action the meeting proceeded to the Choice of Constables. Elected

Constables Joel Wilder
S N Turner } Constables

Voted and chose the following Five Wards

J B Warren	P R Mansfield
John W Barnes	b L Wilder Jr
b L Wilder	b W Burbank
L L Farwell	Calvin Holman
S N Turner	H F Hosmer
John F Thurston	Marcus Ames

Five Wards

The next business was the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Finance

Voted

To receive the report and consider the articles seperately

Report of Committee on Finance

Voted

To accept the Article recommending the Town to raise the sum of Five Thousand Dollars $5,000. for ordinary expenses

Town Expenses

Voted

To raise for ordinary expenses of Schools the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars $2,700 ($1,500 added)

Voted

Repair of School Houses

To raise for Repair of School Houses the sum of Three Hundred Dollars $300

Music

For Music and other educational purposes Two Hundred Dollars - $200

Apparatus

For School Apparatus One Hundred Dollars - - - - - - $100

On the Art in the Report recommending the raising of Five Hundred Dollars $500. to pay Tuition of Scholars at Lancaster Academy

Voted

That the School Committee be instructed to report at the next from meeting with reference to the legality of appropriating money for the payment of Tuition of pupils in the Lancaster Academy. and in case it be legal. that they also report a system for the selection of pupils. to enter said Academy

On the Art relating to building a new School House near North Village Bridge

Voted

Committee on Schools

To raise a committee of one from each Dist to take into consideration the whole subject of relocating the several School Houses. and report at the next Town Meeting

Elected as said committee

Dist No 1 Levi P Wood Jr	Dist No 2 N P Sawtell
" " 3 b W Burbank	" " 4 John Cunningham
" " 5 Calvin Holman	" " 6 N b Hawkins
" " 7 Sewell Day	" " 8 Marcus Ames
" " 9 b F Wilder	" " 10 Com H McNeil

1870 March Meeting Adj continued

Voted

That When this meeting adjourn it adjourn to two weeks from to day at this place at two Oclock P M

Voted

Library To raise One Thousand Dollars $1,000 for Town Library

Voted

To accept the Art of Report recommending the rebuilding of one of the Bridges River Bridges the ensuing year and that the Selectmen examine the several Bridges and report as to their condition at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted

To refer that part of the report founded on Art 11 of the warrand to the Committee of one from each Dist

Voted

To pass the Art on the gross sum to be raised to adjournment

Voted

Collection of Taxes To let out the collection of Taxes to lowest bidder

William H Blood bid off the collection of taxes at two Mills per cent

Voted

And chose William H Blood Collector of taxes

Voted

To adjourn

L L Farwell Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk.

Omitted

Voted

Highways To raise for the Repair of Highways and Bridges the sum of Three Thousand Dollars $3,000.

Recapitulation of Amount voted

For Ordinary Town expenses	$6,000
For Ordinary Expenses of Schools	2,700
For Repair of School Houses	300
For Music & Other purposes	200
For Apparatus	100
For Town Library	1,000
For Highways & Bridges	3,000

1870

Adjournment of March Meeting

The meeting adjourned from April 4th to give opportunity to a committee

Adj. meeting Apr 18th

of one from each Dist. to report concerning the relocation of the several School Houses. and for other purposes. assembled at the Town Hall Apr 18th at 2 oclock P.M.
The Meeting was called to order by the Moderator. L L Farwell
The first business was the report of the committee of eleven. by C F Wilder See Report file
After the reading of the report. it was
Voted
To accept the report of the committee
Voted
To consider the recommendations of report seperately
Voted

High School

To adopt the first recommendation of the committee viz to establish a Free High School in the centre of the Town. to commence next autumn in the Upper Town Hall
Voted

School Houses

To adopt the second recommendation of the report. viz Inexpedient at the present time. to build. or relocate any School House of the Town
Voted

Schools

To adopt that part of report predicated on Art 11th of Mar Meeting warrant
Voted
To pass over the question of the legality of paying Tuition at Lancaster Academy
Voted
To choose a committee of seven to be joined with the School committee for

To establish High School

The organization and establishment of a free High School. Elected

William A Wilbourn	Marcus Ames
N B Hawkins	C L Wilder
Sewel Day	John Cunningham
L L Farwell - - -	

The next business was the report of Selectmen on River Bridges
Voted
To accept the report.
Voted

Committee on Building Bridge

To choose a committee of five to take into consideration the rebuilding of the Atherton Bridge. to report at a future meeting - Elected
The Selectmen - Calvin Holman. George W Howe - John Bullrick
C L Wilder. Sewel Day.
Voted.

Appropriation for Bridge

To raise the sum of $4.000. and appropriate the same for the rebuilding of the Atherton Bridge.
Voted

Appropriation for Schools

To add to the appropriation for Schools. the sum of $1.600. making the appropriation for Schools $4.200,
Voted.

Town Grant

To raise for current expenses for the year ensuing. the sum of Seventeen Thousand. Two Hundred Dollars. $17.200,

1870 Adjourned Meeting continued

Voted

School Committee — That the vacancies in School Committee be filled by the School Committee and Selectmen

Voted

To accept the report of the Committee on Cemeteries

Voted

To choose one from each Dist. to take into consideration the purchase of additional land for a cemetery ... Elected

Cemeteries

No 1 L P Wood Jr	No 2 N P Sawtell
" 3 L W Burbank	" 4 John Cunningham
" 5 Calvin Holman	" 6 N G Hawkins
" 7 Sewel Day	" 8 Marcus Ames
" 9 Wm F Wilder	" 10 Wm F McNeil
" 11 L L Wilder	

Voted. To add. Nath[l] Thayer. to the above Committee

Voted

Cemetery — That the Cemetery Committee be instructed to reform the Avenues in the N Village Cemetery. and to grade the same as they may think proper

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

Lancaster Ap 18th 1870 L L Farwell Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

Report of Committee on Schools

Your Committee chosen April 4th to take into consideration the whole subject of repairing the several School Houses of the Town. and also. That part of the report concerning Art. 11 of the Warrant. that at the Town Hall Apr. 9th

Report on Schools — After a free discussion of the subjects referred to them. in which the opinions of the different members of the committee were interchanged. it deemed by them desirable. that a High School be established. It was therefore

voted unanimously to submit the following recommendations.

That a High School be established. to be held in the upper Town Hall. the first term to commence next autumn.

Also in view of the foregoing recommendation. we deem it inexpedient at the present time. to build. or relocate. any School House of the Town.

Also in view of the recommendation for a High School. we deem it inexpedient to make any recommendation relative to the number of Schools to be taught in the Town. as this subject is legitimately in the control of the School Committee. and is now under their consideration.

Wm F Wilder

For the Committee

1870

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster. in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster. qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster. on Saturday the Eighteenth day of June next. at Two o'Clock in the afternoon. then and there to act on the following articles. viz

Warrant June 18th

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2d To see if the Town will give further instructions to the Committee to establish a free High School. or act in relation thereto

3d To see if the Town will rescind the vote passed to establish a free High School or act thereon.

4th To hear the report of the Bridge Committee and act thereon

5th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer. to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes. or act thereon.

6th To hear the report of the Committee appointed to examine and report what ground if any. is needed for burial places. and act thereon.

7th To see if the Town will accept a road leading from the Bolton road near old Common. to the Harvard road (near the Stuart Barn) and discontinue the old road from the House of Franklin Whitney. to the intersection of the new and Harvard road. or act thereon.

8th To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon

9th To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster. the North Village and the Brick Meeting House. in the said Town. seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not. and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk. at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this tenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Calvin Holman
Geo W Howe
Jon[a] Nourse
} Selectmen

Worcester-ss

Lancaster June 18th 1870

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same. at South Lancaster. the North Village and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Fielder. Constable

Meeting June 18th 1870

The voters assembled at 2 oclock at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk. and a vote called for Moderator. Elected. L L Farwell. Moderator.

H School — First Business. report of the committee on High School. See Report on file
Voted to accept the report
Voted
To take up the 3 Art. After a full discussion it was
Voted
Not to rescind the vote for establishing a free High School
Voted Art 2
To instruct the committee on High School. to postpone the commencement for one year from Sept. 1st 1870
Voted

Town pay Tuition — That the Town pay for the instruction of all scholars qualified to enter a High School at the Lancaster Academy. on recommendation of School committee. said Scholars to be under the control of School committee

Bridges — Next Business report on Bridges. Voted accepted. See on file
Voted
That the Selectmen be and are hereby instructed and authorized. to select a proper plan for an Iron Trussed girder Bridge. to take the place of the existing

Build Iron Bridge — Allerton Bridge. and to contract with responsible parties for the execution of the same the present season. Causing previous to the erection of superstructure. such changes in foundation and the masonry of said Allerton Bridge. as shall render it safe and durable. And that in executing these duties. they shall act under the advice of a competent engineer. to be appointed by them as soon as practicable
Voted. To add Seven Day. to L Wilder to the above committee
Voted
To authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes
Voted
To discontinue a piece of road on old common. extending from the House of Franklin Whitney to the intersection with the road laid out by the

Trustees Road — Selectmen. extending from the Harvard road. near Stuart barn. to the Bolton road. and to accept said new road. from its junction with the Harvard Road. to the Bolton road running on border of state land. when such road is completed to the acceptance of the Selectmen
Voted
To dissolve the meeting

Lancaster June 18th 1870 — L L Farwell. Moderator

A true copy
Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

1870

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables in the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections, and Town affairs - to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday the Eighth day of November next at one oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles - viz

To bring in their votes for Governor, Lieut Governor, Secretary of State - Auditor - Treasurer and Receiver General - Attorney General - Councillor for Dist no Seven - Senator for Dist no three - Representative to the General Court for Dist no six - Representative to Congress for Dist nine - Register of Deeds County Treasurer - County Commissioner for the County of Worcester
All the foregoing to be voted for on one ballot - And the Polls may be closed at three oclock -
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the North Village - South Lancaster - and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting Herof fail not; and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place as aforesaid -
Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy -

Calvin Holman
Geo W Howe
Jonz Bullrick
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester-ss

Lancaster Nov 8th 1870

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder - Constable

November Meeting Nov 8th 1870

The voters assembled at the Town House at one o'clock in accordance with the warrant. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk. after which the following votes were cast. viz

For Governor

William Claflin of Newton	Has	147	votes
John Quincy Adams of Quincy	Has	34	votes
Wendell Phillips of Boston	Has	3	votes

For Lieut. Governor.

Joseph Tucker of Lenox	Has	147	votes
James Whittaway of Springfield	Has	34	votes
Eliphalet Trask of Springfield	Has	3	votes

For Secretary of State

Oliver Warner of Northampton	Has	147	votes
Luther Stephenson of Hingham	Has	34	votes
George S Ball of Upton	Has	3	votes

For Attorney General

Charles Allen of Boston	Has	147	votes
Tom Thos. Warren of Brighton	Has	34	votes
Whiting Griswold of Deerfield	Has	3	votes

For Treasurer

Chas Adams Jr of North Brookfield	Has	147	votes
Levi Haywood of Gardner	Has	34	votes
John S Baker of Beverly	Has	3	votes

For Auditor

Charles Endicott of Canton	Has	147	votes
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield	Has	34	votes
Lyman W Daggett of Attleborough	Has	3	votes

For Councillor Dist. No 7

Elijah B Stoddard of Worcester	Has	147	votes
B L Bachelor of Sutton	Has	34	votes

For Senator Dist. No 5

Henry L Greeley of Clinton	Has	145	votes
Timothy S Wilson of Hitchburg	Has	34	votes
L M Bowers of Clinton	Has	3	votes

For Co Commissioner

J Warren Bigelow of Rutland	Has	150	votes
Emery B Harwood of Oxford	Has	34	votes

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November Meeting Continued

For County Treasurer

Charles A Chase of Worcester	Has	150	votes
& Otis Hale of Hubbardston	Has	34	votes

For Register of Deeds

Alexander H Wilder of Worcester	Has	184	votes

For Representative to Congress

William B Washburn of Greenfield	Has	150	votes
Lysander B Jaquith of Fitchburg	Has	34	votes

For Representative to Gen Court

George A Parker of Lancaster	Has	141	votes
Samuel F Whitney of Harvard	Has	33	votes
Marshall Bull of Harvard	Has	4	votes

The above votes were received and counted public declaration of the same made and sealed up in open Town Meeting

Voted

To dispolve the meeting

A true copy

Attest: & L S Thompson Town Clerk

The clerks of the several towns comprising the Sixth Worcester District met at Lancaster Nov 9th at 12 o'clock M. and submitted the following report of the vote for Representative at the meetings held on the eighth inst: viz

Town of Bolton

George A Parker of Lancaster	Had	107	votes
Fourniball Bull of Harvard	"	18	"
Samuel F Whitney of Harvard	"	4	"

Town of Harvard

George A Parker of Lancaster	Had	62	"
Samuel F Whitney of Harvard	"	76	"
Fourniball Bull of Harvard	"	23	"
Lulle Whitney of Harvard	"	1	"

Town of Lancaster

George A Parker of Lancaster	Had	141	"
Samuel F Whitney of Harvard	"	33	"
Fourniball Bull of Harvard	"	4	"

George A Parker of Lancaster having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected as Representative for the Sixth Worcester District for the year 1870-71

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Dist. Clerk

At the above meeting of the Clerks of the 6th Dist.

Voted

To reject the votes received from voters of Hudson at the meeting held at Bolton Nov 8. by reason of non conformity to provisions of Law by the Selectmen of Hudson

Attest J L S Thompson Dist. Clerk

1871

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Monday the thirteenth day of Feb inst at ten oclock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To see what action the Town will take in favor of Lancaster as a suitable location for the contemplated Normal School to be established by the State or act relating thereto

To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon

To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster the North Village and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting Herof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Sixth day February in the year one thousand eight hundred and Seventy one

Calvin Holman
G W Howe
Jona Bullock
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster Feb 13th 1871

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster the North Village and the Brick Meeting house in the said Town seven days before the time of meeting

Joel Wilder - Constable

1871 Town Meeting Feb 13th 1871

The voters assembled at the Town Hall at ten o'clock A M. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the clerk. after which a vote for Moderator was taken - Elected

Lucius L Farwell - Moderator

Voted

That the Town in its corporate capacity by its Selectmen Petition the Legislature to establish the projected Normal School in Lancaster

Voted

To appoint a committee of three to nominate a committee of five to present and prosecute the Petition before the Legislature. Elected

Normal School

Charles L Wilder — Marcus Ames
Jacob Fisher — J L S Thompson
A P Marvin

" Voted

That the committee be authorized to offer a site for the Normal School free of expense to the State.

" Voted

To place the whole subject in the hands of the above committee

Voted

" That the action as above be declared unanimous

Voted

To dissolve the meeting.

L L Farwell Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

1871

March Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the Sixth day of March next, at One O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

3 To choose a Member of the School committee for three years in place of the retiring member of said committee, also to fill all vacancies in said committee or act in relation thereto.

4th To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon

5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same

6th To see if the Town will vote to make a discount to such persons as shall make voluntary payment of their taxes for the ensuing, prior to specified times, and if any, how much.

7th To determine the manner of repairing Highway, Townways and Bridges the year ensuing

8th To revise the list of Jurors

9th To see if the Town will authorize the School committee to sell the School building upon the land of Patrick Glynn, or act thereon.

10th To see if the Town will rebuild one or more of the River Bridges, or take any action in regard to the same.

11th To see if the Town will accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from the Leominster road, to the American Shoe Shank Co's Factory, or act thereon

12th To see if the Town will give additional powers to the committee for the propagation of fish, or act relating thereto.

13th To see if the Town will authorize its committee on Normal School, to petition the Legislature for leave for the Town to subscribe a sum, not exceeding three per cent of its valuation, in aid of a Normal School to be located in Lancaster, or act relating thereto

carried forward

March Meeting Warrant continued

To hear the report of any outstanding committees, and act thereon
To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof - at the South Lancaster - the North Village and the Brick meeting house in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon - to the Town Clerk - at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of February - in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy one -

Calvin Holman
Geo W Howe } Selectmen of Lancaster
Jona Bullard

Worcester ss

Lancaster March 6th 1871

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the South Lancaster - the North Village and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting -

Joel Wilder - Constable -

1871

Proceedings of March Meeting 1871

The voters of Lancaster assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant at One oclock. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk. and votes for Moderator called for.
The votes being sorted and counted showed the election of
Lucius L Farwell - Moderator
The voters then proceeded to elect the following Officers for the ensuing year viz

Town Clerk — J L S Thompson . Town Clerk

Treasurer — Solon Wilder . Treasurer

Selectmen — Calvin Holman, L L Farwell, Sewell Day . Selectmen

Assessors — Sewell Day, Jeremiah Moore, John Bennett . Assessors

Constables — Joel Wilder, S H Turner . Constables

Field Drivers

S G F Chandler	S John R Wyman
Walter A Davis	William F Moore
Frank H Carter	Monas Laughton
Charles Wood	James Swan
William Sargent	J D Fuller
S Franklin Davis	Fred W Johnson

Measurers of Wood

B S Phelps	P R Mansfield
D M Howard	Horatio Bailey
John Bennett	S Warren Davis

Surveyors of Lumber

Surveyors of Lumber	S Asa Foley	S Joel W Phelps
	John Bennett	S G W Wellington

Fence Viewers

Fence viewers — S Benj B Otis - S John Albee - S John James

Sealer of Leather

S George A Johnson

Sealer of Hides

Alex Boller

1871 March Meeting continued

Vaccinating Committee

Vaccinating Committee
J L S Thompson F H Thompson

Auditing Committee

Auditing Committee
I R Merrick - L L Wilder Jr. - Frances B Fay

Voted
To defer 3 Art. to the adjournment of this meeting

Reports of Selectmen

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor submitted their annual reports. Also the Treasurer made his report
The Selectmen also submitted a report on Guide Boards
Voted
To accept the above reports

Report on Guide Boards

Voted
That the Selectmen cause such Guide Boards as require it, to be repainted and to remove all Bills & Advertisements from the same

Voted
To refer the 5th Art. to a committee of seven - viz to report at the adjournment of this meeting - elected the following committee viz

Finance Committee

Nathaniel Mayer	George W Howe
George A Parker	Tom H McNeil
Jacob Fisher	John Cunningham
Calvin Holman	

Voted

Discount on Taxes

To make the same discount on taxes as last year viz 3 per cent on all taxes paid on before Oct. 10th
Voted

Repair of Highways

That the repair of Highways and Bridges be put in charge of a Superintendent. The same as last year
Voted

Town Hall & Memorial Hall

That the Superintendent of Highways be authorized to expend the sum of $250. on the approaches to Town Hall and Memorial Hall
Voted

Jurors

To accept the List of Jurors.
Voted

School House Sale of Bridges

That Art. 9th be referred to the Selectmen with full powers
Voted
To refer Art. 10th To the Finance Committee

New Road

The Selectmen submitted a report of the laying out of a Footway from the Lunenburg road to Shoe Shank Factory. report accepted. and
Voted
To refer the matter to the Selectmen
Voted
To authorise the committee for propagation of Fish to use the funds voted for the introduction of suitable Fish into our fresh water ponds. and to enforce the Law made and applied to such cases
Voted
To add Pickerel Eager to the Fish committee

Fish Com

carried over

1871 March Meeting continued

Voted
To pass over the 13th Art

Voted
To adjourn to the first Monday in April to one o'clock P M
L L Farwell Moderator

A true copy
Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

List of Jurors

John Bennett	Geo W Howe
Jona Bullock	H D Humphrey
John W Barnes	Calvin Holman
Wm H Blood	Geo A Johnson
Geo F Chandler	Thomas Laughton
John Cunningham	S R Merrick
Oliver W Carter	TB S Phelps
Sewell Day	Leander Powell
Asa Doty	Chas Safford
Rufus Eagar	S H Fromer
TB F Farnsworth	F H Willard
L L Farwell	C L Wilder Jr
C N Goodall	Geo W Wellington
James H Holman	Carter Wilder
N C Hawkins	J R Wyman
Henry Hosmer	Warren Willard

1871 — March Meeting Adjournment

The adjourned meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 1½ o'clock
The first business was the choice of one member of the School Committee. Elected
School Committee — C. M. Bartol — for 3 years
and in consequence of the resignation of Geo. C. Howe — Elected
C. A. Tilbourn — for 1 year

Voted
number — That the number of the Committee consist of three only
The next business was the consideration of the following resolution presented by Henry Tilden. viz

Whereas — a competent knowledge of our mother tongue is the foundation of our School system — Therefore
Voted
That the School Committee be instructed (requested) to require that reading. spelling
Resolution on School High — and English Grammer. be made distinct and primary studies — in the High School — And no pupil of the High School shall in School hours — study any language but English — until the School Committee shall — after full examination certify that in their judgement the time required for such study. could not be otherwise better spent
Voted
To pass the above vote or resolution
The next business was the report of the Finance Committee
Voted
To accept the report
Voted
Bridge Committee — To rebuild the Centre and Donahoe Bridges with Iron. and that the same be referred to a committee consisting of
Geo A Barker. — Calvin Holman — John Cunningham
Voted
To raise the sum of $21.000. to be appropriated as follows.

Town Grant

Town Library	$1 000	
Schools & Repairs	3,300	
Ordinary Expenses	5.000	
Repair of Bridges	300	
Highways	4.000	
New Bridges	12,000.	To which was added for
New Road	1.000	
New Cemetery	1.000	
In Treasury $6.000	$27.600	

Shoe Shank to Road — The Selectmen reported the laying out a road from the American Shoe Shank to Building near the Sewell Barker place — so called — in a South Easterly direction — Eighteen hundred feet to the Lunenburg road — See Plan & report
Voted
To accept the report — and that the same be adopted
Voted
To instruct the Selectmen to build said road — On the acceptance of the Towns

over

1871

March Meeting - Adjournment - Continued

Voted

Appropriation for new Road

To appropriate the sum of $1000 - to build the road from the Sewel Carter place - to the Lunenburg road

The next business was the report of the committee for the purchase of a new Cemetery lot -

Voted

To accept the report

Voted To refer the subject of Hire Boards - to Select men

Cemetery

Voted that the Town purchase the entire lot owned by Geo M Bartol and J L S Thompson at $100 and that the care of the same be referred to the Cemetery committee

Voted

To raise the sum of $1,000 for the purchase of new Cemetery

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

L L Farwell Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L L Thompson Town Clerk

Voted

To refer the

1871

April Meeting Warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Monday the third day of April next. at one Oclock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles - viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at the meeting

2d To choose one Trustee of the Charitable Fund in the Town of Lancaster to fill a vacancy in said board

3d To see what action the Town will take if any - in aid of the publication of a manuscript history of the Town of Lancaster by the late Joseph Willard Esq. or act in relation thereto

4th To see if the Town will pay the expenses for placing a Pump in the well near the Post Office. or act in relation to the same.

5 To see if the Town will allow Mrs Joseph Waverly to sell the Real Estate in Lancaster belonging to her husband. and appropriate the proceeds to her support or act thereon

6 To see what measures the Town will take to provide money to defray Town expenses in anticipation of Taxes

7th To see what action the Town will take if any. in relation to the R Road Bridge at South Lancaster on the direct road to Clinton -

To hear the report of any outstanding committee. and act thereon

To choose any committee or committees, that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster the North Village. and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town. seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not: and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon. to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy one

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell
Jewell Day
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster Ap 3 1871

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster. the North Village. and the Brick Meeting house in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder - Constable

1871

Proceedings of April Meeting

The voters assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant
The meeting was called to order at one o'clock. and the warrant read by the clerk
and then proceeded to choose a Moderator. Elected
Lucius L Farwell Moderator

Voted Art. 2nd

Voted and chose
Caleb T Symmes Trustee of Charitable Fund

Voted

History of Lancaster — That the publication of a history of Lancaster be referred to
Geo M Bartol. A P Marvin. Henry Wilder. to report facts

Voted

Town Pump — That the Town pay the expenses for placing a Pump in well near the
Post Office.

Voted

To refer the 6th Art. to Selectmen with full powers

Voted

Borrow Money — That the Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum. not
exceeding $12,000 in anticipation of Taxes.

Voted

R R Bridge — That the affair of R Road Bridge near Fullers Mills be recommitted to the
Selectmen with powers. and to employ council if necessary

Committee on Library reported their annual report. accepted

Voted and chose as Library Committee

Geo M Bartol	Henry Wilder
J L S Thompson	Jo A Wilbourn
W H McNeil	H G Kendrick
J D Butler	

Voted to let out the collection of Taxes to W H Blood. at 4 mills per cent.

Voted

And chose Wm H Blood Collector of Taxes

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

L. L Farwell Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

1871 Town Meeting May 2

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester ss
To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster. in the County Worcester - Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster. qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster. on Tuesday the second day of May next at three O'clock in the afternoon. then and there to act on the following articles - viz

1 To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To see if the Town will vote. that no person shall be allowed to sell Ale. Porter Strong Beer. or Lager Beer in said Town

3 To see if the Town will allow the Trustees of the State Industrial School to extend their line of Fence continuous with the fence as it now exists in front of the House of Frederick Whitney. to the road recently built by the State

To hear the report of any outstanding committees. and act thereon
To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster. the North Village and the Brick Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town. seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting Hereof fail not: and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon. to the Town Clerk. at the time and place of meeting. as aforesaid
Given under our hands this twenty second day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy one

Calvin Holman
L L Harwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
Sewell Day

Worcester ss

Lancaster May 2d 1871

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster. the North Village and the Brick Meeting house in the said Town. seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

1871

Solon Meeting May 2

The voters assembled at the Town Hall at 3 Oclock. The Meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk. after which the Meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator - Elected

L L Farwell

Voted

To dismiss the 2d Art.

Voted

To refer the matter of 3d Art. to the Selectmen with full powers

Voted

To dispolve the meeting

L L Farwell Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

Fire Wards

The Selectmen appointed the following as Fire Wards for the ensuing year. viz

L L Wilder Chairman	D M Howard
L L Farwell	Charles Fairbanks
Solon Wilder	G A Johnson
L L Wilder Jr	

Also appointed L L Wilder Field Driver for the ensuing year. duly qualified

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

1871 List of Persons liable to Military Duty 1871

Name	Age	Occupation	Name	Age	Occupation
A J Bancroft	42	Farmer	David Mathews	26	Laborer
George H Brockway	24	Pedlar	S R Merrick	49	Farmer
Edward Buzzell	22	Carpenter	J H Morgan	20	Laborer
John Baker	38	Laborer	J McLaughlin	30	Farmer
R H Bailey	43	Carpenter	Gardner D Maynard	18	Laborer
Ezra Burton	44	Pedlar	William H McNeil	34	Clerk
D A M Bailey	31	Printer	Horace F Mulang	29	Farmer
Maurice Boland	38	Laborer	John Newton	19	Laborer
Joseph Bashan	42	"	Joseph Neal	28	"
Michael Burke	41	Farmer	Charles Nourse	25	"
Sidney S Butler	35	Laborer	John McNamarra	29	"
William Blood	23	Farmer	Albion Nickerson	40	Farmer
Asa A Blood	33	"	Frank Nullett	44	"
George F Bigelow	35	Mechanic	J H Ordway	24	Laborer
J D Butler	31	Machinist	L H Priest	38	"
D N Brown	32	"	James E Parker	33	"
Asa Bee	40	"	J R Parker	25	"
Charles Blood	28	Farmer	F D Pouty	38	"
James Burke	30	Laborer	Peter Palmer	28	"
Patrick Boyle	40	"	Frank Page	27	"
Henry Carr	34	"	Austin F Phelps	20	"
F H Carter	22	Miller	George Parr	26	"
N J Chandler	27	Laborer	Leander Powell	42	Shoemaker
James Capsin	36	Carpenter	John A Rice	41	Butcher
Abram Childs	40	Laborer	John S Racy	42	Laborer
Lewis Citizen	26	Shoemaker	Alvin Russell	42	"
C D Carter	35	Farmer	Warren A Rogers	18	"
S S Chapman	25	Painter	William Russell	17	"
E D Carr	26	"	Robert Rugg	17	"
Isaac N Cutler	30	"	George N Sweet	33	"
D A Davis	24	Miller	Robert Steele	21	"
Patrick Dillon	35	Laborer	G H Swift	32	Painter
Thomas H Darby	19	"	P M Stoddard	23	Laborer
Philip Donaldson	23	"	Lewis D Strahan	24	"
Frank Dimell	36	"	J B Snow	33	"
H D Dimell	25	Blacksmith	Joseph Sandy	41	Miner
Hanly Dolphin	40	Laborer	John Sullivan	42	Farmer
Martin Dolphin	25	"	John A Sargent	24	Laborer
John Dolphin	25	"	John F Spivey	44	"
William Dick	22	"	E H Sargent	33	"
Thomas S Elwin	30	"	Henry Sanborn	41	"
Henry Elmore	32	"	Frank Safford	20	"
J D Elwell	36	Carpenter	Henry Stowe	30	"
Thomas Fahey	21	Laborer	H B Shaw	31	Carpenter
Michael Fury	38	"	B G Seymour	30	Laborer
John Fahey	31	"	Gottfried Spirer	39	"
F F French	26	"	George H Suttle	21	"

carried over

1871 Military List Continued.

Michael Fahey	21	Laborer	John F Thurston	38	Farmer
Patrick Flaherty	24	"	Wm H Fenner	28	Merchant
Henry Freeman	30	"	Daniel Poole	36	Laborer
J D Farnsworth	32	"	F F Taylor	25	"
Joseph W Fennell	21	"	John Tracy	44	"
John L Farnsworth	28	"	F D Taylor	40	Farmer
[illegible] Fuller	30	"	Edward Tracy	41	"
George L Green	33	Printer	Silas Taylor	35	Laborer
D W Goss	28	Laborer	F A Thompson	25	Physician
Wm Geary	19	"	Charles F Tucker	26	Laborer
Charles F Gates	25	"	Geo W Wellington	37	Blacksmith
James Gardner	22	"	E F Timm	35	Laborer
Marcus A Horton	23	Mechanic	W G Wilder	44	Farmer
Henry N Hagar	28	"	L H Wilder Jr	25	Laborer
Eli L Howe	20	Laborer	Daniel Webster	28	"
D M Howard	46	Merchant	Wake Wendall	40	"
S N Haskell	48	Miller	S L Wilder Jr	28	Manufac
Thomas Hilley	43	Laborer	F H Willard	42	Farm
H D Hambley	25	Farmer	A P Willard	40	"
H L Hagelen	20	"	Clinton Willey	18	Laborer
Wm Hemmenway	35	Mechanic	Walter H Wood	27	"
Wm Holyoke	25	Laborer	F D Willard	26	"
Joel D Hamilton	22	"	George W Willard	24	"
A M Holmes	24	"	John M Whittemore	26	"
George Huntington	38	"	Henry Willard	29	"
James Holmes	27	"	William A Ward	30	"
Rufus H Herbert	28	"	E E Wilder	35	"
W A Hunting	22	"	Solon Wilder	32	Merch
Dennis Haze	36	"	Charles D Wallace	40	Laborer
H L Harriman	41	"	William Woodward	21	"
L W Hill	22	Clerk	Frederick Whitney	40	Farm
Edward Houghton	41	Farmer	W F Weyman	33	Laborer
N L Hawkins	43	"	Josiah Harris	36	Farm
Alfred Heald	35	Laborer	Wm James	30	Laborer
W W Wilson	41	"	Elder Jones	28	"
F J Johnson	42	"	David S Johnson	20	"
Frank Jackson	20	"	Wm Kenedy	22	"
Patrick Kenedy	25	"	Edward Kelly	34	"
W A Kilbourn	35	Teacher	Nelson H Larkin	34	Dealer
Patrick Lanelly	35	Laborer	Alex Lawrence	38	Farmer
Charles Lillie	23	"	William Lee	24	"
Geo A Laney	42	"	Scudd Lawrence	34	"
John S Munroe	46	"	Thomas Miller	42	"
J W May	37	Painter	P R Mansfield	33	Manufac
James McLeod	30	Miller	Albert Mathews	19	Lab
Samuel W Moore	33	Laborer	Henry Moulter	30	Farmer
Daniel McCarthy	3[illegible]	"	Peter W Makan	24	"
A True Copy			J L Thompson Town Clerk		

1871

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Wednesday the fifth day of July next at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To see if the Town will instruct their High School Committee to open a free High School on Sept 1st 1871 and authorize the expenses therefor or act in any manner relating to a High School

3 To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to send all the scholars to the Lancaster Academy who may be fitted to enter a High School or act in any manner relating thereto.

To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon
To choose any committees that may be thought necessary
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at So Lancaster the North Village the Brick Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy one

Calvin Holman
L L Harwell
Jewell Day
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster July 5th 1871

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster the North Village and Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

1871

Town Meeting July 5th

The voters assembled at the Town Hall at 3 Oclock P M - the meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the clerk.
The meeting then proceeded to the choice of Moderator - elected
L L Farwell - Moderator
Voted
To take up the 3d Art.
After a full and lengthy discussion it was finally
Voted
That the Town pay the tuition of the Lancaster Academy of such scholars as are fitted to enter a High School
Tuition at Acad
Voted
That the School committee be authorized to pay to Lancaster Academy the tuition of such scholars as are fitted for such instruction
Voted
That a committee of three be chosen whose duty it shall be to frequently visit the Lancaster Academy examine and ascertain the branches taught to town scholars with and what progress is made - and report to the Town - elected
Rev Mr Marvin - F H Thompson - and Mrs Mary G Ware
Voted
To dismiss the 3d Art - and that the committee on a High School be discharged
Voted
To dissolve the meeting
L L Farwell Moderator
A true copy
Attest L L Thompson Clerk

1871

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster. Tuesday the seventeenth day of Oct. inst. at two oclock in the afternoon. then and there. to act on the following articles. viz

1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will vote to purchase a piece of land of Wm L Wilder near the Centre Bridge. and instruct the Selectmen to change the location of the Road from said Bridge. to the corner of James Chandlers land. or act relating to the same

3 To see if the Town will allow S N Damon to alter the grade of the road near his Brick Yard. on the old Turnpike. or act relating to the same

4 To see if the Town will vote a part of the Wood and Timber. on the Atherton lot so called. or act relating to the same.

To hear the report of any Committee and act thereon

To choose any Committee that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at So Lancaster. the North Village. the Brick Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town. seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not. and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this ninth day of Oct. in the year one thousand eight Hundred and seventy one.

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell
Sewell Day
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster Oct. 17th 1871

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster. the North Village and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder - Constable.

Town Meeting Oct. 17th 1871

October 17th 1871

The voters assembled at the Town Hall at two Oclock P M. the meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the clerk. when the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator. Elected

L L Farwell Moderator

Voted

Purchase land

To purchase the piece of land near Centre Bridge - and lay out the road - as at present located -

Voted

S R Damon road

To give S R Damon permission to change the grade of the road near his Brick Yard. the work to be done under the supervision of the Selectmen

Voted

To refer Art. 4th to Selectmen. with full powers

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

Lancaster Oct. 17th 1871

L L Farwell Moderator

A True copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

November 7th 1871

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County Worcester Greeting-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at one Oclock in the afternoon then and there to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for Governor Lieut Governor Councillor for Dist No 7 Secretary Treasurer and Receiver General Auditor of Accounts Attorney General Clerk of Courts Sheriff District Attorney Commissioners of Insolvency One County Commissioner Two Special Commissioners Senator for Dist No 6 Representative to the General Court for Dist No 6 - On One Ballot.

The polls will be opened at one Oclock P M and may be closed at 3 Oclock P M And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster the North Village and North Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town seven days at Least before the time for holding said meeting - Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon - To Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy one

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
Sewell Day

Worcester ss

Lancaster Nov 7th 1871

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the North Village South Lancaster North Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

November 7th 1871

November Meeting

The voters assembled at the Town Hall at one Oclock P.M. and after the meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk proceeded to bring in their votes for the following officers viz

For Governor

William B Washburn of Greenfield	had	162	votes
John Quincy Adams of Quincy	had	35	votes
Robert C Pitman of New Bedford	had	1	vote

For Lieut Governor

Joseph Trumbull of Lenox	had	162	votes
Samuel O Lamb of Greenfield	had	35	votes
Eliphalet Trask of Springfield	had	1	vote

For Attorney General

Charles R Train of Boston	had	160	votes
William Wirt Warren of Brighton	had	35	votes
Samuel T Field of Shelburne	had	1	vote

For Secretary of State

Oliver Warner of Northampton	had	164	votes
Luther Stephenson of Hingham	had	36	votes
George T Ball of Upton	had	1	vote

For Treasurer

Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield	had	164	votes
Levi Haywood of Gardner	had	35	votes
John T Baker of Beverly	had	1	vote

For Auditor

Charles Endicott of Canton	had	164	votes
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield	had	35	votes
Ezra T Conant of Randolph	had	1	vote

For Councillor

Elijah B Stoddard of Worcester	had	164	votes
L B Batchelder of Sutton	had	35	votes

For Sheriff

Augustus B D Sprague of Worcester	had	164	votes
L B Jaquith of Fitchburg	had	35	votes

For Clerk of Courts

Joseph Mason of Worcester	had	199	votes

1871 | November Meeting Continued

For District Attorney
William W Rice of Worcester . had 164 votes
W A Williams of Worcester . had 36 votes

For County Commissioner
William B Brown of Fitchburg . had 164 votes
Henry L Hill of Gardner . had 36 votes

For Special Commissioners
Silas Holman of Bolton . had 162 votes
Henry L Rice of Barre . had 164 votes
Hammond Brown of Brookfield . had 36 votes
B B House of Westborough . had 36 votes

For Senator 5th Dist
George A Torrey of Fitchburg . had 161 votes
J A Davis of Sterling . had 36 votes
Turnbull Bull of Harvard . had 1 vote

For Commissioners of Insolvency
Farwell A Fay of Athol . had 164 votes
David H Merriam of Fitchburg . had 164 votes
Arthur G Bisbee of Westborough . had 164 votes
Frank P Goulding of Worcester . had 164 votes

For Representative 6th Dist
George A Parker of Lunenburg . had 125 votes
A J Sawyer of Harvard . had 71 votes
J F Whitney of Harvard . had 4 votes

After public declaration had been made of the above vote and the same sealed up in open Town meeting -
Voted
To dissolve the meeting
A true copy
Attest J L J Thompson Town Clerk

1871

Meeting of Clerks of 6th Worcester Dist.

The Clerks of the several Towns comprising the 6th Dist. met at Lancaster Nov 8th at 12 Oclock M. and submitted the following report of the votes in said Dist. for Representative viz

Town of Lancaster

George A Parker of Lancaster	had	125	votes
A J Sawyer of Harvard	had	71	votes
S F Whitney of Harvard	had	4	votes

Town of Bolton

George A Parker of Lancaster	had	126	votes
A J Sawyer of Harvard	had	48	votes
S F Whitney of Harvard	had	16	votes

Town of Harvard

George A Parker of Lancaster	had	40	votes
A J Sawyer of Harvard	had	99	votes
S F Whitney of Harvard	had	27	votes

George A Parker of Lancaster having a plenurality of votes cast was declared Representative elect from the Sixth Worcester Dist.

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Dist. Clerk

To J L S Thompson

Town Clerk of the Town of Lancaster

Sir. The Selectmen have appointed the following persons Fire Wards in the Town for the ensuing year

Fire Wards

L L Wilder Chairman

L L Farwell	D M Howard	G A Johnson
Solon Wilder	Chas Fairbanks	L L Wilder Jr

And E E Wilder Field Driver for the same term

Lancaster Apl 29th 1871

Calvin Holman Chair Selectmen

1871

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester

Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday the second day of January next at one oClock in the afternoon then and there

To bring in their votes for a Representative to Congress for Congressional District No 9 to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon W B Washburn the Polls to be opened at one oClock P M and may be closed at three oClock P M

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster the North Village the Trinitarian Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town seven days before the time for holding said meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty first day of Dec in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy one

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
Sewell Day

Worcester ss Town Meeting

Lancaster Jan 2d 1872

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster North Village the Trinitarian Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

Town Meeting

The voters assembled at Town Hall at one oClock P M The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk after which the meeting proceeded to vote for Representative to Congress for 9th Dist

The votes being collected sorted and counted were as follows

For Alvah Crocker of Fitchburg 42 votes
For Francis B Fay of Lancaster 1 vote

Public declaration have been made of above & sealed votes

To dissolve the meeting

A true copy
Attest J L I Thompson Town Clerk

1872

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the Fourth day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles. viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

3 To choose a member of the School Committee for three years, in place of retiring member of said Committee. Also to fill all vacancies in said Committee, or act in relation thereto

4th To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon

5th To raise such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

6th To see if the Town will vote to make a discount to such persons as shall make voluntary payment of their taxes for the ensuing year, prior to specified times, and if any, how much

7th To determine the manner of Repairing Highways Townways and Bridges the year ensuing

8th To revise the List of Jurors.

9th To see if the Town will accept the act of the Legislature of 1871, in regard to the Election of Road Commissioners, or act in relation thereto.

10 To see if the Town will allow the Treasurer a Salary for his services, and require him to promptly deposit in the Lancaster National Bank, to the credit of the Town, all monies he shall receive from the Collector, or from any other source belonging to the Town.

11th To see if the Town will pay Mrs L. L. Turner, the amount of State Aid, to which she has been entitled, but has failed to receive.

12th To see if the Town will appropriate any money to be expended on Memorial day, in decorating the Graves of our deceased Soldiers, or act in relation to the same.

13th To see if the Town will accept and maintain the sidewalks built by citizens.

14 To see if the Town will dig a well near the Town Hall for the accommodation of the Schools

15 To see if the Town will choose a special Tuant Officer, in accordance with the State Chap 207. 1862

16 To see if the Town will rebuild one half of Still River Bridge

1872

March Meeting Warrant continued

To hear the report of any outstanding committees and act thereon
To choose any committees that may be thought necessary
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof &c. at the South Lancaster, the North Village, the North Meeting House and Post Office in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.
Herein fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy two.

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
Sewell Day

Worcester ss

Lancaster Mar 4th 1872

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the South Lancaster, the North Village, the North Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

1872 Proceedings of March Meeting

The town assembled at the Town House in accordance with the warrant. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk - and proceeded to choose a Moderator. Elected

William H Merrill Moderator.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of the following officers - viz

J L S Thompson — Town Clerk

H G Kendrick — Treasurer

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell
Sewell Day — Selectmen

Sewell Day
John Bennett
Jeremiah Moore — Assessors

Levi Wilder
S N Turner
H N Sweet
George Green — Constables

Field Drivers

G F Chandler	Walter Goss
P R Mansfield	Frank Taylor
William Target	Franklin Davis
Charles Safford	Wm F Moore
Frank Jackson	W A Tilbourn
John Farnsworth	Henry Willard
L L Wilder	

Measurers of Wood

B S Phelps	D M Howard
John Bennett	Wm G Wilder
B F Farnsworth	Warren Davis

Surveyors of Lumber

Asa Doty	John Bennett
J W Phelps	Marcus Horton

Fence Viewers

B B Otis — John Abell — John James

Sealer of Leather

L Avery

1872

March Meeting continued

Vaccinating committee
J L & Thompson H H Thompson

Auditing committee
I R Merrick - L L Wilder Jr - T B F Fay

School committee
J D Butler for 3 years - Rev A P Marvin for 1 year

Voted
That the School committee be instructed to carry out in good faith the vote passed last year concerning the necessity of a thorough knowledge of English and that the same be taught in the High School.

Voted
To accept the reports of Selectmen - Assessors - School committee - Treasurer also the report on Guide Boards.

Voted
To defer the subject of raising money until April meeting

Voted
That the Selectmen be instructed to make an estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year that the same be printed and circulated four days previous to April meeting

Voted
To make the same discount on taxes as last year

Voted
To instruct the Assessors to make a Report at April meeting as to the best method of collecting and keeping the money of the Town.

Voted
That the repair of Roads and Bridges be placed under the same supervision ordered as last year.

Voted
To accept the list of Jurors

Voted
To pass over Art 9th

Voted
That Art 10th be taken up with the report of the Assessors on the best method of collecting and keeping the funds of the Town

Voted
To pay Mrs L L Turner back State aid to which she has been entitled

Voted
That the Treasurer be directed to pay the Selectmen of last year the amount he received of them as overpaid on account of Mrs L L Turner

Voted
That the Town accept and maintain the sidewalks built by citizens

Voted
That citizens may repair their own sidewalks to the acceptance of the Superintendent of Roads

Voted - That Benj Wyman - John Farnsworth - John James - Walter Turner - D W Gove - be a committee to decorate the graves of the deceased Soldiers with authority to draw not exceeding $100. for necessary expenses

1872 March Meeting Continued

Voted

To refer Art 14th to Selectmen with instructions to act on the same

Voted

To refer Art 15th to April meeting

Voted

To refer Art 16th to the Selectmen with full powers

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

To H Orne Weil Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

Oaths Administered by Town Clerk

Calvin Holman	Selectman
Geo Green	Constable
John Bennett	Meas of Wood & Lumber
John Bennett	Assessor
TB TB Ellis	Fence Viewer
Walter Goss W F Moore Wm Safford	Field Drivers
H L Frederick	Treasurer

Oaths administered by Jacob Fisher Justice of Peace

1872

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester — Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the first day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3

To choose a Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

4

To choose a member of the School Committee to fill a vacancy

5th

To hear the report of the Assessors in relation to the safe keeping of all monies belonging to the Town and act thereon.

6th

To see if the Town will vote to rebuild the Sprague Bridge or act in relation thereto.

7th

To see if the Town will accept the Road as laid out by the Selectmen leading from near the House of O W Carter to the top of Babel Hill or act thereon.

8th

To see if the Town will build one or more Reservoirs in each of the Villages in said Town, to be used in case of Fire or act in relation to the same

9th

To see if the Town will choose a Special Municipal Officer in accordance with the State Law Stat. Chap 207 1862.

10th

To see what acknowledgement the Town will make to the Firemen in Fire Department for their repeated and very efficient services at Fires within the limits of the Town of Lancaster or act in relation to the same.

11th

To see what measures the Town will take to provide money to defray Town expenses in anticipation of Taxes

To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon

To choose any committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster the North Village the Brick Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty third day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy two

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell (Selectmen of Lancaster
Sewell Day)

1872 Worcester ss Lancaster Apr 1st 1872

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same - at South Lancaster, the North Village and the Brick Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting -

Joel Wilder - Constable

Town Meeting April 1st 1872

The voters assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant - the meeting was called to order at one Oclock and the warrant read by the Clerk and votes for Moderator called for - The same being collected and counted - showed the election of

W H Mc Neil Moderator

Art 2 Art

Raising Money — Voted To raise for current expenses the ensueing year the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars

Voted

Schools — To accept the estimate submitted by the Selectmen and make such appropriations as are there suggested - See Report

Voted

Highways — To make an additional appropriation of $1.000 for Schools

Voted

To appropriate $500 additional for Highways -

Voted

To take up Art 5

Report — Under this Art the Assessors submitted a report See Report

Voted

To accept and adopt the report

Voted

To pay the treasurer and Collector $250 as Salary

Voted

Collector — That H le Rendrick be appointed Collector

Voted

To exempt H le Rendrick from the penalty of $5 - for failing to qualify himself as town treasurer on account of sickness -

Voted

Sch Com — And chose Ld Wilder Jr as a member of the School Committee

Voted

H Sch Study — That the School Committee prescribe a course of study for town Scholars in High School and report result at next Town meeting

Voted

Sprague Bridge — To rebuild the Sprague Bridge with iron and that the committee be authorized to increase the length of span - to fill up dry bridge and make such alterations in the Highway as may be necessary -

Voted

Com on Bridge — That the Selectmen be a committee to superintend the construction of new Bridge

Voted

To pass over Art 7th

Voted

Bable Hill — That the Selectmen have power to expend such sums as may be necessary on Bable Hill

1872 April Meeting continued

Voted

To pass over Art. 8

Voted

Guard Officer And chose Wm P Holder as special Guard Officer

Voted

Clinton Fire Co Voted that the Selectmen present to the Clinton Fire Department the sum of $200. with the thanks of the Town for past services.

Voted

To borrow money To authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding $16. 000. in anticipation of taxes.

Voted

To dispense with the reading of the report of the Library and Cemetery committee and that the same be accepted

Voted

And chose as said committee on Library

G M Bartol
Henry Wilder
D A Nelbourn
Wm H McNeil
A B Rendrick
J D Butler
J G Chandler

Voted

That the Selectmen - Overseers of the Poor. School committee and Town Treasurer be instructed to prepare their reports so they can be printed in one pamphlet - and that all these boards include in their reports. estimates for the expenses of the next ensuing year

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

Wm H McNeil Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Morrison Town Clerk

Report of Assessors

We undersigned to whom was referred Art. 10 of the March meeting warrant having duly considered the subject recommend as follows

1st That the treasurer be chosen collector of taxes 2d That he shall deposit promptly in the Lancaster National Bank to the credit of the treasurer of the town of Lancaster all moneys he shall from time to time receive for taxes. or from any other sources for the Town -

3 That he shall give a bond in such sum as the Selectmen require. with sureties to their satisfaction for the faithful performance of his duties -

4th That he shall receive for his services in both capacities. a sum not less than $200. nor over $300. per year

Lancaster Mar 26th 1872

Sewell Day
John Bennett
Jeremiah Moore
} Assessors of Lancaster

1872

Estimate of Expenses for the year ending March 1873

For Keeping Taxes	$175.00
Abatement of Taxes	125.00
Discount on "	600.00
Printing	75.00
Memorial Hall	125.00
Town "	[illegible]
Highways	[illegible]
Breaking Roads	[illegible]
Railing "	[illegible]
State Aid	[illegible]
Recording	80.00
Repair of Bridges	100.00
Painting new "	125.00
Paupers	[illegible]
State Lunatic Hospital	[illegible]
Vaccination	25.00
Funeral Expenses	75.00
Overseeing Poor	60.00
Miscellaneous	350.00
Rebuilding Sprague Bridge with iron	6.500.00
" one half Stillriver " " "	2.500.00
	$17.315.00

Schools	$3.000.00	
Library	1.000.00	
Cemetery	300.00	
State Tax about	2.625.00	
County " "	1.400.00	
	$8.325.00	$8.325.00
	Total	$25.640.00

Cash in Treasury $5.348.12

Lancaster Mar 25th 1872

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell
Sewell Day
} Selectmen of Lancaster

1872 Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester. Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the
Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs
to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday the seventh day of May next
at One Oclock P.M. in the afternoon. Then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st
To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
2d
To vote by Ballot Yes or No. in answer to the question. Shall any person be allowed
to manufacture. Sell. or keep for Sale. Ale. Porter. Strong Beer or Larger Bier in
this Town. The polls to be kept open two hours.
To hear the report of any Committee standing Committees and act thereon
To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same
at South Lancaster. the North Village. Post Office and the Meeting House in the said
Town. seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting
Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon
to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of April. in the year one
Thousand eight hundred and seventy two

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
Sewell Day

Worcester ss

Lancaster May 7th 1872

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the
same at South Lancaster. the North Village. Post Office and Meeting
House. in the said Town. seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

Town Meeting May 7th 1872.

The voters assembled at the Town Hall at one O'clock. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk. after which a vote was called for Moderator. Elected

L L Farwell Moderator

Action was then taken on the 2d Art.
The votes being collected. sorted and counted. were found to be

Yes 61 votes
No 29 votes

Voted
To dispose the meeting.

L L Farwell Moderator

A true copy
Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

2d Dist Jurors

John Bennett
Jona Bunnell
J W Barnes
W H Blood
G F Chandler
J Cunningham
C W Carter
Jewell Day
Asa Day
Rufus Eagar
B F Farnsworth
L J Fletcher
C N Goodall
J H Holman
N C Hawkins
H F Hosmer
G W Howe
H D Humphrey
C. Holman
G A Johnson
Thomas Laughton
L R Merrick
B S Phelps
L Rowell
Chl Safford
J H Turner
Jacob Willard
C L Wilder Jr
G W Wellington
C J Wilder
J N Wyman
Warren Willard

1872 List of persons liable to do Military Duty

Name	Age	Occupation	Name	Age	Occupation
Edward Allard	21	Laborer	Joseph Fellon.	29	Laborer
Morris Boland	37	"	Octave Forbair	21	"
John Barhan	28	"	A L Farnsworth	23	"
Oliver Bean	30	"	Michael Fury	44	"
Philip Boullaird	23	"	John Fahay	32	"
Michael Burke	43	Farmer	Patrick Flynn	31	"
Abbot L Bovel	33	"	Geo H Fosler	44	"
Samuel Bruin	30	Laborer	Charles Forrest	23	"
N H Bailey	44	Carpenter	Asm Freeman	35	"
Geo L Butrick	28	Laborer	Patrick Goulding	26	"
Louis Barrett	19	"	Brian Goulding	30	"
Henry A Bliss	29	"	Geo L Green	22	Merchant
Christopher Brockleman	44	Farmer	James D Green	23	"
Charles L Blood	27	"	William Hunting	23	Laborer
Patrick Burbee	31	Laborer	C B Hemenway	36	"
William Blood	28	Farmer	James Holmes	28	"
A J Bancroft	43	"	John Hodgeney	36	"
Geo Brockway	28	Livery	Joel O Houghton	23	"
Geo T Bigelow	35	Laborer	Edward Houghton	42	Farmer
J D Butler	30	Mechanic	Joseph Harris	36	Laborer
Horatio Bailey	43	Laborer	L M Harney	36	"
C C F Bent	22	Engineer	H C Harriman	42	"
James Burke	33	Laborer	H B Hagar	29	"
John Burke	21	"	L W Hosmer	33	"
James Woodrich Jr	20	"	Marcus Horton	24	"
L W Carr	26	"	Eli L Howe	40	"
Asm Child	42	"	S N Haskell	44	Elder
Geo B Colburn	27	"	Thomas Hickey	44	Laborer
O W Carter	36	Farmer	D M Howard	43	Merchant
Geo H Cutting	34	Laborer	Warren Houghton	41	Painter
Michael Conway	35	"	H F Hosmore	35	Laborer
Patrick Coyle	41	Farmer	H D Humphrey	38	Farmer
Henry Carr	37	Laborer	William Henry	41	Laborer
F H Carter	23	Miller	Alfred Heald	31	"
Frank Childs	26	Laborer	David Johnson	21	"
N J Chandler	22	"	Frank Jarvis	21	"
Isaac Cutler	31	"	D W Jackson	43	Farmer
W R Cunningham	24	"	Topher Jones	38	"
L T Cunningham	18	"	John James	31	Laborer
Frank Daell	30	"	Lewis Jerome	30	"
Thomas H Darsey	20	"	William Kenedy	33	"
Farley Dolphin	40	"	Martin Kelly Jr	27	"
Martin Dolphin	33	"	J T Kilfoile	20	"
W A Davis	24	Miller	W A Kilburn	36	Teacher
Patrick Dillon	36	Laborer	Charles Leslie	24	Laborer
William Diersch	24	"	Peter Lynch	44	"
Peter Eno	30	"	Albert Lee	40	"
O W Elwell	33	"	Frank Leicester	21	"

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Military List continued

James McLaughlin	30	Laborer	Henry Sanders	20	Laborer
Frank Lafyett	33	"	Geo N Sweet	23	"
Geo A Lancey	36	"	P M Stoddard	27	"
A W Lane	42	"	L A Stroud	20	"
J R Merrick	39	Farmer	Henry Smith	29	"
John Mc Namara	31	Laborer	D B Snow	35	"
H Mc Donald	22	"	Joseph Sidell	18	"
J H Morgan	31	"	Lewis Stratton	27	"
B Mc Guerin	18	"	Wm Shoemacher	19	"
W H Mc Neil	35	"	Gotefried Spiser	39	"
John Martin	32	"	Robert Shute	36	"
Peter Mahan	27	"	Joseph Stanley	20	"
L W Moore	25	"	B G Seymour	31	Farm
Newton Martin	25	"	L H Studley	18	Laborer
Joseph Malanew	36	"	John Taylor	27	"
James McLord	32	"	Edward Tracy	45	
Elisha A Martin	27	"	John Thompson	18	"
Dwight Martin	20	"	W S H Turner	29	"
Daniel Martin	22	"	J F Thurston	39	Farm
Tom J. Mackerel	34	"	G H Tuttle	21	Lab
P P Mansfield	34	Manufac	F D Taylor	41	"
P S Montgomery	20	Laborer	Mat Trombly	32	"
Waldo Mathew	18	"	L L Wilder	36	
Henry Moulter	40	"	B F Wyman	34	"
D W Mathews	30	"	William Woodward	21	"
Tom L Merick	34	"	L S Winn	40	"
John Macomber	19	"	G W Wellington	38	Blacks
Mack Mahoney	25	"	L F Wilder	22	Teacher
A F Nutting	30	"	S B Wilder	33	Butcher
Joel B Neal	28	"	J L Wheeler	35	
John Nicholson	21	"	Wm Wells	25	Lab
Peter Daley	40	"	Daniel Webster	29	"
Albion Nickerson	37	"	G H Wilder Jr	29	"
Frank Nellet	44	"	H W Willard	30	"
Joseph Now	25	"	W H Wood	28	"
J H Ordway	28	"	Levi P Wood	36	"
I R Parker	26	"	F H Willard	43	"
James L Parker	32	"	Geo W Willard	37	"
William Powers	18	"	Fred A Willard	21	"
Milton Robbins	20	"	John M Whittemore	27	Farmer
I J Richardson	22	"			
John Racy	43	"	Sewell Day } Assessors		
Leander Rowel	43	"	John Bennett }		
R A Rugg	20	"	Jeremiah Moore }		
Peter Richey	20				
D R Stone	41	Farmer			
John Sullivan	44	"			
Levi Stone	22	Laborer			

1872

We The subscribers Selectmen of The Towns of Lancaster and Shirley hereby certify That we have this day Dec 1st 1871 peramбulated The Town lines between the Towns of Lancaster and Shirley and find all The monuments properly set and lettered as The law requires

L L Farwell
Sewell Day } Selectmen of Lancaster

Samuel Longley
John W Thatcher } Selectmen of Shirley

We The subscribers Selectmen of Lancaster and Lunenburg hereby certify That we have this day Dec 4 1871 peramбulated The Town lines between The Towns of Lancaster and Lunenburg and find The monuments properly set and lettered as The law requires

L L Farwell
Sewell Day } Selectmen of Lancaster

Luther L Lane
A N Porter } Selectmen of Lunenburg

We The subscribers Selectmen of The Towns of Lancaster and Clinton hereby certify That we have this day peramбulated The Town lines between The Towns of Lancaster and Clinton and find The monuments properly set and lettered as The law requires Nov 27th 1871

L L Farwell
Sewell Day } Selectmen of Lancaster

C H Chase
H C Greeley } Selectmen of Clinton

We The subscribers Selectmen of Lancaster and Sterling hereby certify That we have this day Dec 7th 1871 peramбulated The Town lines between The Towns of Lancaster and Sterling and find The monuments properly set and lettered as The law requires

L L Farwell
Sewell Day } Selectmen of Lancaster

Ezra Sawyer
J H Davis } Selectmen of Sterling

We The subscribers Selectmen of The Towns of Lancaster and Bolton hereby certify That we have this day Nov 27th 187[illegible] peramбulated The Town lines between The Towns of Lancaster and Bolton and find The monuments properly set and lettered as The law requires

L L Farwell
Sewell Day } Selectmen Lan

N A Newton
J D Hurlburt } Selectmen of Bolton

1872

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Lancaster and Harvard hereby certify that we have this day Nov 28 1871 perambulated the town lines between the towns of Lancaster and Harvard, and find the monuments properly set and lettered as the law requires

L L Farwell
Sewell Day } Lancaster

L S Perry
J Blanchard
J B Richmond } Harvard

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the 17th day of June next at one O'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles - viz

Town Meeting June 17

1st

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d

To see if the Town will vote to reconsider the vote passed at the April meeting to rebuild one half of Still River Bridge, or act relating thereto

3d

To see if the Town will vote to rebuild the Village Bridge the present year, or act relating thereto -

To hear the reports of any outstanding committee, and act thereon

To choose any committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at South Lancaster, the North Village Post Office and Work Meeting House in the said Town, seven days ~~before~~ at least before the time for holding said meeting -

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this tenth day of June, in the year one Thousand eight hundred and seventy two

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
Sewell Day

Worcester ss

Lancaster June 17th 1872

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village Post Office, and Work Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting.

Joel Wilder Constable

1872

Town Meeting June 17th 1872

The voters of Lancaster assembled at the Town Hall at one o'clock. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk - after which the meeting proceeded to choice of Moderator. Elected L L Farwell - Moderator

Voted

To rescind the vote passed April Meeting - to authorize Selectmen to rebuild one half of Sall River Bridge -

Voted

To rebuild with Iron the Village Bridge, the present season.

Voted

That the Selectmen be a committee to rebuild the Village Bridge

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

L L Farwell Moderator

A True copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

Fire Wards

The Selectmen appointed the following Fire Wards. viz

G L Wilder	
D M Howard	Geo A Wilson
Wm Fairbanks	J D Green
G L Wilder Jr	L L Farwell

Apl 6th 1872

Also appointed G W Barnes - Sealer of Weights and Measures
J P Merrick Pound Keeper

Also Aug 26 the following Special Constables - viz

Rufus Eager	Wm Rice
D W Goss	W G Wilder
Wm James	

Who were duly sworn by G W Howe Jus Peace

A True copy J L S Thompson Town Clerk

1872

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Saturday the seventh day of September next at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles. viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to pay to Lancaster Academy the tuition of such scholars in town, as are fitted to enter a High School, or act relating to the same

3 To see if the Town will take any action for the establishment of a High or Grammar School, or act thereon

To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon
To choose any Committee that may be thought necessary
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village Post Office and Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this thirty first day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy two

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
Sewell Day

Worcester ss

Lancaster Sept 7th 1872

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office and the Brick Meeting House, in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

1872

Town Meeting. Sept. 7th 1872

The Selectmen of Lancaster assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant. The meeting was called to order at three o'clock and the warrant read by the Clerk. When they proceeded to the choice of Moderator. Voted

a a Farwell Moderator

Under the 2d Art. After the reading of an opinion from Hon Joseph White together with an decision of S Court both denying the power of the Town to raise money for the support of schools &c under the control of Town.

Voted

To lay the 2d Art on the table

Voted

To lay the 3 Art on the table

Voted

To instruct the Selectmen to investigate the rights and duties of the Town in the matter of the Baker Mill Bridge and road and that they report the facts to the Town.

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

a a Farwell Moderator

A true copy

Attest: J a s Monroe Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To Joel Wheeler Constable of Lancaster in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Monday the fifth day of December next at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

To bring in their votes for Electors for the following Officers all on one ballot.

Electors of President and Vice President of the United States to be chosen on the 2d Tuesday & 1st Wednesday of December next.

Representative to Congress in District No. seven for the term of two years from the 4th day of March next.

Councillor for the District of Worcester for the term of one year from the first Wednesday of January next.

Senators for the County of Worcester for the term of two years from the first Wednesday of January next.

Sheriff for the County of Worcester for the term of three years from the first Wednesday of January next.

Clerk of Courts for the County of Worcester for the term of three years from the first Wednesday of January next.

Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester for the term of three years from the first Wednesday of January next.

Treasurer for the County of Worcester for the term of one year from the first Wednesday of January next.

To bring in their votes for one Representative to represent District No. Four in the General Court to be holden at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next.

The Polls to be closed at three o'clock in the afternoon

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the usual place in the Village, Post Office and Town Meeting House, in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. And you are hereby also to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy two.

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell (Selectmen of Lancaster
Lowell Day

Worcester ss

Lancaster Nov 5th 1872

I have duly served this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the usual public places in said Village, Post Office and Town Meeting House seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wheeler - Constable

Town Meeting Nov 5th 1872

The qualified voters of Lincoln assembled at the Town Hall at nine o'clock and after reading the warrant proceeded [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Delivered

Ballots for Dist No 10

Levi Stockbridge & Amherst	Rep	221	[illegible]
E H B Snow & Belchertown	Rep	31	[illegible]

Ballots for Dist No 11

Henry Alexander & Springfield	Rep	225	[illegible]
Charles D Knox & Chester	Rep	31	[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	220	[illegible]

State Officers

For Governor

[illegible]	Rep	319	[illegible]
Francis D Bird & Chelsea	[illegible]	32	[illegible]

For [illegible]

Thomas Talbot & Millbury	Rep	220	[illegible]
William L Smith & Springfield	Rep	32	

Secretary & State

Oliver Warner & Northampton	Rep	220	[illegible]
George S Boutwell & Groton	[illegible]	32	[illegible]

For Treasurer

Charles Adams Jr & North Brookfield	[illegible]	220	[illegible]
Levi Heywood & Gardner	[illegible]	32	[illegible]

For Auditor

[illegible]	Rep	220	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	32	[illegible]

Attorney [illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	220	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	32	[illegible]

Councellor for 7th Dist

Henry Wilbur & Lancaster	[illegible]	220	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	32	[illegible]

For Senator 5th Worcester Dist

George A Torrey & Fitchburg	Rep	304	[illegible]
[illegible]	Rep	32	[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	316	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	82	[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	187	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	87	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]

Town of Harvard

A J Sawyer of Harvard	had	58	votes
Henry Fowler of Bolton	had	91	votes
J B Wheeler of Harvard	had	50	votes
J Hall of Harvard	had	2	votes
J Pepper of Harvard	had	1	vote

Town of Bolton

A J Sawyer of Harvard	had	172	votes
Henry Fowler of Bolton	had	71	votes
J B Wheeler of Harvard	had	8	votes

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A J Sawyer – 412
[illegible] – [illegible]
J B Wheeler – 67

[illegible]

Lancaster Nov 6 1872

A L J Thompson Dist Clerk

1873

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the third day of March next, at one O'clock in the afternoon. Then and there, to act on the following articles - viz

1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3 To choose a member of the School Committee for three years, in the place of the retiring member of said Committee

4" To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act thereon.

5" To raise such sums of money as may be necessary, to defray Town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations of the same.

6" To see if the Town will vote to make a discount to such persons as shall make voluntary payment of their taxes for the ensuing year, prior to specified times and if any, how much

7" To determine the manner of repairing Highways, Townways and Bridges, the year ensuing

8" To revise the list of Jurors.

9" To see if the Town will vote to purchase a Hearse for use in the winter - or act relating to the same.

10" To see if the Town will vote to abate one half of the tax assessed against Sylvester Bannister, for the year 1871, being $8.89. also his tax for the year 1872, being $13.75

11" To consider the establishment of a free High School, and to take any action which may be thought proper in relation thereto

12 To consider whether the continued use of the School Room, over the Town Hall, shall be given to the Lancaster Academy.

13" To see if the Town will order the payment of the Tuition of Town Scholars at the Lancaster Academy, for the Term beginning in September last, in accordance with votes on record, or take any other action, relating to paying Tuition, at the Lancaster Academy.

14" To see if the Town will vote to sell the Pauper Establishment or act in relation thereto

To hear the report of any outstanding Committee, and act thereon

To choose any Committees, that may be thought necessary.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at South Lancaster the North Village, Brick Meeting House, and Post Office in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting - Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

1873 Given under our hands this twenty second day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
Jewell Day

Worcester ss

Lancaster March 3d 1873

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at South Lancaster, the North Village, Brick Meeting House, and Post Office in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder - Constable

Proceedings of March Meeting

The citizens assembled at the Town Hall at One Oclock - The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk and the meeting proceeded to vote for Moderator and elected G W Howe Moderator
voted

To choose at one and the same time - Town Clerk. Selectmen. Assessors. Treasurer and Collector - Elected.

J L S Thompson — Town Clerk

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen
Jewell Day

Jewell Day
John Bennett } Assessors
Jeremiah Moore

H L Nenderich — Treasurer & Collector

Joel Wilder
J H Turner
H N Sweet } Constables
John H Rice

Field Drivers

1 Levi P Wood Jr
2 Edward Dewell
3 James H Holman
4 L L Wilder Jr
5 W H Sargent
6 N L Hawkins
7 L W Spaulding
8 Frederick Whitney
9 G W Howard
10 Walter Turner
H" E E Wilder

Measurers of Wood

Arba Estey
Henry Jewell
J S Farnsworth
John Bennett
W G Wilder
J D Green

over

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March Meeting continued

Surveyors of Lumber

H F Hosmer — Arba Estey

B F Farnsworth — Joel W Phelps

Fence Viewers

Sewell Day - John James - B B Ellis

Sealer of Leather

George A Johnson

Vaccinating committee

J L S Thompson - H H Thompson

Auditing committee

F B Fay - J L S Thompson - Henry Wilder

School committee

Rev A P Marvin

Report Selectmen — The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor made their annual report

Voted - Accepted.

Report of Sch Com — Report of School committee presented

Voted - Accepted.

Town Grants — On Art 5 Raising Money

Voted

To defer action until the adjournment of this meeting

Voted

Discount — To make a discount of 3 per cent on all taxes paid on or before Oct 10" 1873

Voted

Highways — To place the repair of Highways Townways and Bridges in the hands and under the superintendence of Calvin Holman - Same as last year

Voted

Jurors — To accept the list of Jurors.

Voted

Hearse — To authorize the Selectmen to purchase a suitable Hearse for winter use.

Voted

Abatement — To abate the tax of S Bannister in accordance with Art 10"

Voted

High School — To add Art 10 so much of the Report of School committee as relates to the establishment of a Free High School at an expense of $1200.

Voted

Upper Town Hall — To authorize the School committee to occupy the rooms in the upper part of Town Hall

Voted

Tuition — To pay the tuition of Town scholars who attended Lancaster Academy Sept Term from any money not otherwise appropriated

1873 March Meeting continued

Voted

To refer the sale of the Pauper Establishment to a committee consisting of the Selectmen with John Bennitt. J Moor. Henry Wilder and J L S Thompson

Voted

To adjourn to the first Monday in April at one oclock P M

G W Howe Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

March Meeting Adjournment

Under Art 5th of the warrant.

Voted

Money Raised — To raise for the current expenses the ensuing year. the sum of Twenty Five Thousand $25,000 dollars

Voted

1st To adopt the estimate in the report of the Selectmen

Appropriations 2d To authorise the Selectmen to appropriate the surplus voted by the Town over their estimate, to such purposes, as they may deem expedient

Voted

To take up the 3d Art

Voted

Additional Town Officers — And chose L L Farwell Fence Viewer. To fill a vacancy

Warren Davis. Measurer of Wood & Lumber

Thomas Burdett " " "

Voted

That the Library committee keep seperate accounts with Library & Cemetary

Voted

Cemetery committee — To authorise the cemetery committee to carry on work in new cemetery (Eastwood) in accordance with the plan submitted by Mr Beaverland

Voted

To adjourn the meeting

Lancaster Mar 7th 1873

George W Howe Moderator

A true copy

Attest

J L S Thompson Town Clerk.

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April Meeting Warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Lancaster, on Monday the seventh day of April next. at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles. viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will complete the Iron Railing for Sprague Bridge. or act relating thereto.

3 To see if the Town will change the location of the Railing leading to Centre Bridge or act thereon

4" To see if the Town will rail and fill the approaches to the village Bridge. or act relating thereto.

5" To see if the Town will raise a committee to take into consideration the subject of the selection of a suitable lot for the location of a High School in the centre of the Town. to report at some future meeting. or act thereon

6" To see if the Town will furnish Headstones for Soldiers buried in Lancaster now destitute of such memorial. or act thereon

7" To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money to be used for memorial purposes

8 To see if the Town will pay for mowing the Bridges. and the approaches to the same, or act relating thereto

9" To see if the Town will accept certain articles of School furniture from the Lancaster Academy Corporation.

10" To see if the Town will vote to provide certain conveniencies needed by its citizens in connection with the Town Hall. or act relating thereto

11 To see if the Town will adopt a system of rules and regulations, in regard to the use of the Town Hall

12" To see if the Town will appropriate money for the purchase of a Piano, to be placed in the Town Hall. for the use of such gatherings of the people. as may require one

13" To see if the Town will authorise the Selectmen and Treasurer, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes

14" To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to dig a well convenient to the Town Hall. and put a wooden Pump in the same

To hear the report of any outstanding Committee. and act thereon

To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof. at South Lancaster. the North Village. Post Office and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

April Meeting

1873 Here of fail not. and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon. to the Town Clerk. at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three

Calvin Holman
L L Fretwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
Sewell Day

Worcester ss.

Lancaster April 7th 1873

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster. the North Village. Post Office and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

April Meeting Proceedings

The voters met at Town Hall at one o'clock the meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk. afterward proceeded to vote for Moderator. elected

George W Howe. Moderator

Voted

To further adjourn March meeting until two o'clock

Voted

Selling Poor Farm — To take up the report of committee chosen to consider the matter of selling Pauper Farm After the reading of the Report by the Secretary of the committee - See copy of report

Voted

To accept the report of said committee

Voted

committee to Sell — That the same committee be authorised and directed to carry out the recommendations contained in the report. together with such repairs of the buildings purchased. as shall render them suitable for the reception of the family

Voted

Library Report — To accept the report of the Library committee. Also the report of the Selectmen. on the Baxter Mill Bridge

Voted

Baxter Mill Bridge — To refer the subject of Baxter Mill Bridge to the Selectmen. with instructions that the Town in future. shall not be made a party to wronging individuals. *

Voted

Fish Breeding — To authorise the committee on Fish Breeding. to expend a sum not exceeding three Hundred Dollars $ in stock our rivers and ponds. with suitable fish.

Voted on Art 2d

Sprague Bridge — To authorise the Superintendent of Highways to complete the Iron Railing connected with Sprague Bridge

Voted Art 3

Centre Bridge — To change the location of the Railing leading to Centre Bridge

Voted Art 4th

Village Bridge — That the Superintendent of Highways be authorised to Rail. and fill the approaches to the Village Bridge.

carried forward.

1873 Proceedings of April Meeting continued

Voted

High School Lot — To refer the subject of the 5th Art. to the School committee together with G F Symmes J Fisher John Bennitt and Henry Wilder.

Voted 6th Art.

Headstones — To instruct the Selectmen to erect Headstones to graves of deceased soldiers at an expense not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars $200

Voted 7 Art -

Memorial Purposes — To raise for Memorial purposes the sum of One Hundred Dollars to be expended under the direction of John L Farnsworth - Benj Chapman - W S H Turner John James and D O Clapp -

Voted 8 Art

Snowing Bridges — To refer the 8th Art. to Superintendent of Highways and 100 feet each side of Bridges to be snowed with the Bridges.

Voted Art 9th

Academy Furniture — To accept articles of Furniture presented by Lancaster Academy corporation with the thanks of the Town.

Voted Art 10

Privies — To instruct the Selectmen to build forthwith suitable Privies for the convenience of both upper and lower Town halls.

Voted

Conveniences — To refer the subject of other conveniences to the Selectmen - to report at some future meeting also to report on the expediency of building a room adjoining the present Hall for the convenience of citizens

Voted

To pass over the 11th Art.

Voted

To pass over the 12th Art.

Voted 13 Art.

Borrow money — To authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars in anticipation of Taxes.

Voted

To pass over 14th Art.

Voted

And chose as Library committee

G M Bartol
Henry Wilder
J L L Thompson
A P Marvin
Math[d] Mayer
H B Rendrick
F H Thompson

Voted

To dissolve the meeting.

George W Howe Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L L Thompson Town Clerk

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List of Jurors

John Bennett
Jona. Bullrich
J W Barnes
Wm A Blood
G F Chandler
O W Carter
S N Damon
Sewell Day
Asa Estey
Rufus Edgar
B F Farnsworth
C T Fletcher
L L Fassett
C R Goodall
J A Holman
N C Hawkins
G W Howe
A D Humphrey
Calvin Holman
Henry Jewell
Mat Laughton
S R Merrick
J W Phelps
L Rowell
S T Rugg
S A Turner
Geo N Tuttle
C L Wilder Jr
G W Wellington
C J Wilder
W G Wilder

Oaths Administered

Henry Jewell — Meas of Wood
J W. Phelps — " Lumber
A N Swett — Constable
Sewell Day — Selectmen & Apprs
F Whitney — Field Driver
E L Wilder — " "
A Hosmer — Surv Lumber
B B Otis — Fence viewer
A C Nendrick — Treasurer
J A Holman — Field Driver
John James — Fence viewer
L P Wood — Field Driver

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester - Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday the twenty ninth day of April next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act of the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply to the Supreme Judicial Court by petition for Mandamus or by other proper process to test the legality of the doings of the County Commissioners in refusing to prescribe alteration in the Railroad crossing at Goodrich Hill, as prayed for in petition addressed to said Commissioners by said Selectmen, under the provisions of Chap 262 of the acts of 1872

3 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow an additional sum of money

To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon

To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster the North Village, Post Office and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty second day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen of Lancaster
Sewell Day

Worcester ss

Lancaster Apl 29th 1873

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office and Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

H N Sweet Constable

1873 Proceedings of Meeting

The voters assembled at Town Hall at Nine Oclock. The meeting was called to order and the warant read by the Clerk. When the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator. Voted

L L Farwell Moderator

On the 2d Art.

Voted

To instruct the Selectmen to apply to the Supreme Judicial Court by petition for Mandamus or by other proper proofs, to test the legality of the doings of the County Commissioners in refusing to prescribe alterations in the Railroad Crossing at Goodrich Hill, as prayed for in petition addressed to the said Commissioners by said Selectmen, under the provisions of Chap 262 of the acts of 1872

Voted

To authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow in addition to the sum already voted, a sum not exceeding fifteen Thousand Dollars $15,000

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

L L Farwell Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester Greeting -

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Thursday the Sixteenth day of October next, at two o'clock in the afternoon then, and there to act on the following articles. viz

1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To hear the report of the committee chosen to select a School House lot. for all the Schools in the centre, and act thereon -

3 To see if the Town will purchase a School House lot. as above specified. and act thereon

4 To see if the Town will choose a committee to obtain a plan of a School House for the Schools, on the centre of the Town, with estimates of the cost, and act thereon

5th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen. to make arrangements for heating the Upper Town Hall, now occupied by the High School, by taking heat from the furnace in the basement. and act thereon -

To hear the report of any outstanding committee. and act thereon
To choose any committees that may be thought necessary
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office and Brick Meeting House, in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not. and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -
Given under our hands this eight day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three

Calvin Holman
L L Farwell } Selectmen
Sewell Day

Worcester ss

Lancaster Oct 16th 1873.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office and Brick Meeting House, in the said Town. seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable.

1873 Proceedings

The voters assembled at Town Hall at two oclock P M - The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the clerk - When the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator - Voted

L L Farwell Moderator

The first business was the report of the committee on the purchase of a School House lot for the centre of the Town -

School House

Voted

To accept the report -

The vote on the 2d Art was in the negative -

Voted

To pass over the 4 Art -

On the 5th Art

Voted

To authorize the Selectmen to heat the upper Town Hall, by taking heat from the furnace on the basement or by other means as may be most advisable

Town Hall

The Selectmen made a report on additional conveniencies for Town Hall with plan of addition -

Voted

To accept the report

Voted

To adjourn to Town oclock P M on day of November meeting

L L Farwell Moderator

A True Copy

Attest J L L Thompson Town Clerk

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Lancaster, on Tuesday the fourth day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes for the following officers, all for the ballot viz.

For Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General, and Auditor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the ensuing year.

One Senator for the Worcester fifth Senatorial District for the Councillor for said District. Register of Probate and Insolvency for Worcester County.

One County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, for the term of three years.

One Treasurer. County Treasurer for Worcester County. Register of Deeds for Worcester County.

To bring in their votes on one ballot for one Representative, to represent said District of Worcester County in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

The Polls are to be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon

And you are further to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office and Public Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three

Calvin Holman
A. A. Farwell (Selectmen of Lancaster
Jewell Day)

Worcester ss

Lancaster Nov 4th 1873

I have served this within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office and Public Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting.

Joel Wilder Constable

1873 Record of Election Held

The voters assembled at the Town Hall at One o'clock, and after the reading of the warrant proceeded to vote for the following officers, viz

For Governor.

William B Washburn of Greenfield	had	141	votes
William Gaston of Boston	had	50	votes
Charles L Wilder of Lancaster	had	1	vote

For Lieut Governor.

Thomas Talbot of Fitchburg	had	151	votes
William Knight of Springfield	had	44	votes

For Secretary of State

Oliver Warner of Northampton	had	151	votes
Benjamin F Wells of Williamstown	had	44	votes

For

For Treasurer & Receiver-General

Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield	had	151	votes
Nathaniel Clark of Lynn	had	44	votes

For Auditor

Charles Endicott of Canton	had	151	votes
Edward Kent of Roxbury	had	44	votes

For Attorney General

Charles R Train of Boston	had	148	votes
Wells Thorn of Dedham	had	44	votes

For Councillor Dist 7

Nils Hilbert of Northbridge	had	151	votes
Isaac Davis of Worcester	had	44	votes
Geo Whitney of Royalston	had	12	votes

For Senator Dist 8

Amasa Norcross of Fitchburg	had	149	votes
J A Davis of Sterling	had	44	votes
William Baker of Lunenburg	had	1	vote

Sworn Commissioner

J Warren Higelow of Rutland	had	52	votes
J Ed's Hale of Westborough	had	44	votes

For County Treasurer

Charles A Chase of Leominster	had	53	votes
Charles Haywood of Gardner	had	44	votes

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For Register of Deeds
Alexander H Bullock of Worcester - had 1/4 vote

For Register of Probate & Insolvency
Charles L Stevens of Worcester - had 183 votes
Levi Heaton of Worcester - had 44 votes

For Representative to Gen Court -
James D Hulbert of Holden - had 50 votes
Jesse B Wheeler of Holden - had 182 votes
Sherman Fletcher of Harvard - had 47 votes

Public declaration of the above votes having been made and the same sealed up in open Town meeting - it was
Voted
To dissolve the meeting
A true copy
Attest J L Thompson Town Clerk

After the dissolution of the above meeting the meeting adjourned from Dec 1st was called to order by the Moderator when it was
Voted
To dissolve said meeting
L L Farwell Moderator
A true copy
Attest J L Thompson Town Clerk

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Representative for 6th Dist. Worcester

The Returns of the several Towns comprising the 6th Worcester District and Lancaster Nov 6th 1873 duly sworn and opened in open Convention the Vote of the District as follows.

Town of Bolton

James D Hurlburt of Bolton	had	167	votes
Jesse B Wheeler of Bolton	had	67	votes
Sherman Fletcher of Harvard	had	17	votes

Town of Harvard

James D Hurlburt of ~~Bolton~~	had	49	votes
Jesse B Wheeler of Bolton	had	47	votes
Sherman Fletcher of Harvard	had	80	votes
William F Bateman of Harvard	had	1	"

Town of Lancaster

James D Hurlburt of Bolton	had	50	votes
Jesse B Wheeler of Bolton	had	102	votes
Sherman Fletcher of Harvard	had	47	votes

Recapitulation

James D Hurlburt of Bolton	has	266
Jesse B Wheeler of Bolton	has	206
Sherman Fletcher of Harvard	has	144

James D Hurlburt of Bolton having received the largest number of votes cast in the 6th Worcester Dist was duly declared to be legally elected as Representative from said District

Lancaster Nov 6 1873

Attest [illegible] Dist Clerk

1873 List of persons liable to Military duty

Name	Age	Occupation	Name	Age	Occupation
Sydney S Butler	38	Shoemaker	Thomas Forbair	19	Laborer
Michael Burke	44	Farmer	William A Fordane	35	"
Morris Boland	36	"	D W Goss	33	"
Henry W Baird	28	Laborer	Jerry Greene	27	"
Robert H Bailey	44	Carpenter	Patrick Golding	40	"
Charles H Butterfield	42	Painter	Brien Golding	35	"
Patrick Burke	32	Laborer	J D Green	24	Merchant
Lewis J Burdick	20	Clerk	Howard Gilson	30	Laborer
Charles E Blood	27	Farmer	A W Gebbs	35	"
A J Bancroft	44	"	Joel D Houghton	24	"
George S Bullock	30	Laborer	H M Holman	25	"
James Burke	33	"	C B Hemenway	35	Manuf
Frank Brockway	31	Farmer	James Holmes	27	Labor
Asa Bee	40	Carpenter	Warren Houghton	42	Painter
J D Butler	31	Mechanic	H K Hagar	30	Laborer
C F Benc	22	Engineer	Marcus Horton	25	Wheelwright
J H Woodrich	20	Laborer	A D Humphrey	40	Farmer
E W Carr	27	"	D M Howard	40	"
C W Carter	37	Farmer	Alex Hamilton	18	Labor
G B Colburn	28	Shoemaker	Eli E Howe	40	Farmer
Michael Conway	36	Laborer	William Hamilton	35	Labor
Wallace Carter	28	"	William Henry	42	"
F M Butler	32	Painter	Alfred Heald	31	"
Walter R Cunningham	26	Farmer	W S Howe	19	"
E S Cunningham	19	"	H F Hosmer	36	"
Michael Cunningham	42	"	Henry Hall	23	"
Patrick Casey	38	Laborer	Josiah Harris	36	"
N J Chandler	24	Engineer	Chapin Harris	21	Carpenter
George Cheesman	24	Laborer	J C Houghton	21	Labor
Henry G Cutting	36	Farmer	Edward Houghton	43	Farmer
Frank Doull	35	Laborer	E H Harriman	43	Shoemaker
Jardy Dolphin	41	"	Izrah Jones	39	Farmer
Thomas Devine	35	"	David W Jackson	44	"
Martin Dolphin	34	"	David S Johnson	22	Labor
Patrick Dillon	37	"	Frank Jarvey	23	"
Walter Emerson	22	"	Paul Jarvey	21	"
Joseph W Farwell	23	Farmer	John James	31	Butcher
L A Farwell	31	"	Jeremiah Millfoil	21	Laborer
Joseph Fifield	40	Laborer	Peter Lynch	40	"
Oscar Forbair	24	"	Albert Lee	41	"
Peter Forbair Jr	21	"	Geo A Lazzey	38	"
J J Farnsworth	22	"	Frank Lucas	22	"
Michael Fury	44	"	A W Lane	42	"
Patrick Flynn	32	"	L W Moore	36	"
Henry Flagg	22	"	Peter W Mahan	28	"
John E Farnsworth	29	"	J R Merrick	40	Farmer
F L Farnsworth	24	"	John Martin	32	Labor

Thomas Madden	19	Laborer	John Thompson	19	Laborer
P R Mansfield	35	Manufs	F H Thompson	30	Physician
James McLord	53	Miller	John Taylor	28	Laborer
A S May	26	Laborer	John M Whitmore	28	Farmer
David W Mathews	31	"	G W Willard	28	"
Henry Moulter	41	Farmer	F H Willard	22	"
William J Macherel	34	"	F H Willard	44	Farmer
Adolph Mase	27	Laborer	Levi P Wood	37	"
Gardner W Maynard	21	"	Charles L Wilder Jr	30	Manufac
John McCarthy	27	Farmer	T3 F Wyman	34	Laborer
W H McNeil	36	Clerk	Thomas Ward	27	"
William L Merrick	30	Laborer	Geo W Wellington	39	Blacksmith
James McLaughlin	32	"	L H Wilder Jr	28	Farmer
James McVoy	36	"	J T3 Wilder	33	Laborer
Joel L Neal	31	"	Wm M Wise	26	"
Peter Nary	41	"	James L Wise	19	"
James H Ordway	27	"	J L Wheeler	36	Farmer
James L Parker	23	"	Dwight Webster	20	Laborer
John W Powers	21	"	Daniel Webster	30	"
James Parmenter	21	"	Gilbert Wilcox	22	"
William Powers	20	"	H F Whitney	21	"
Miron Robbins	22	"	Edward L Wilder	33	"
W L Rowell	20	"			
John Racy	44	"	Sewell Day } Selectmen of Lancaster		
John H Rice	18	Student	John T3 Bennett }		
Charles Shoemaker	20	Laborer			
James M Sartell	20	"	Lancaster June 4th 1873		
John A Sargent	26	"			
Wm H Sargent	35	"			
W R Stone	42	Farmer			
George R Sweet	24	Laborer			
W J Sevriner	34	Miller			
P M Stoddard	28	Laborer			
Donald Spicer	18	"			
P Scholey	19	"			
Lewis Stratton	28	"			
D T3 Snow	36	Farmer			
George Spencer	27	Laborer			
Timothy Smith	25	"			
Joseph Scholey	42	Farmer			
Wm J W Smith	28	Laborer			
Henry Stone	32	Wheelwright			
Lemuel O Sargent	24	Laborer			
W H S Turner	30	Painter			
William Thompson	39	Laborer			
L D Taylor	42	Farmer			
John F Thurston	41	"			
George H Tuttle	28	Laborer			

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the second day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

3d To choose a member of the School Committee for three years, in place of the retiring member of said Committee.

4th To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen, and act thereon,

5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

6th To see if the Town will vote to make a discount to such persons as shall make voluntary payment of their taxes for the ensuing year, prior to specified times, and if any, how much.

7th To determine the manner of repairing Highways, Townways and Bridges the year ensuing

8th To see if the Town will instruct the Superintendent of Roads to grade down the hill in the road east of Charles Bloods near the land of S. B. Fay, or act in any way relating thereto,

9th To see if the Town will vote to rebuild the Turnpike and Carters Mill Bridges, or act relating thereto.

10th To see if the Town will establish one or more Watering Troughs

11th To revise the list of Jurors.

12th To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon

13th To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested Copies thereof, at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Bickle Meeting House, and the Post Office in the said Town, seven days at least before

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the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty First day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy four

Calvin Holman
S. L. Sawell
Sewell Bay
} Selectmen of Lancaster

A true Copy, Attest Joel Wilder. Constable

Worcester, ss.

Lancaster. Mch 2d. 1874

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village and the Brick Meeting House, in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder, Constable of Lancaster.

The Voters met at the Town Hall at one o'clock. The meeting was called to order and the Warrant was read by the Clerk. Proceeded to vote for Moderator.

Elected

W. H. McNeil — Moderator

Voted: To choose by separate ballots Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen and Assessors

Chose	H. A. Kilbourn	S	Town Clerk
	H. C. Kendrick	S	Treasurer and Collector
	Calvin Holman	S	Selectmen
	John Bennett	S	
	S. K. Damon	S	
	John Bennett	S	Assessors
	Jeremiah Moore	S	
	A. J. Bancroft	S	
	Joel Wilder	S	Constables
	S. H. Turner	S	
	H. H. Sweet	S	
	S. A. Fletcher	S	

Field Drivers

1 Levi P. Wood, Jr. S 4 Henry Jewell S 7 F. R. Stone S 10 Marcus Horton S
2 Edward Lovell 5 John Powers 8 Fidelio Whitney S 11 George E. Greene S
3 C. H. Carter S 6 S. K. Damon S 9 John L. Thurston S

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Proceedings of March meeting. 1874

Measurers of Wood

George E. Green[s] John Bennett[s]
Joel H. Phelps[s] M. A. Holton[s]
B. F. Farnsworth[s] Calvin Holman

Surveyors of Lumber

H. H. Hosmer[s] Calvin Holman
John E. Farnsworth Aiba Esty[s]

Fence Viewers

Sewell Day C. F. Fletcher[s] John Bennett[s]

Sealer of Leather

George A. Johnson

Vaccinating Committee

J. L. S. Thompson F. H. Thompson

Auditing Committee

Voted. S. R. Mellish C. L. Wilder Jr. L. L. Farwell
To choose two Members of the School Committee

Voted. To lay on the table Art. III and to take up Art II

Chose C. L. Wilder Jr. Member of the School Committee for three years.
F. H. Thompson member of the School Committee for one year

Art IV Voted
To accept the Report of the Selectmen
Voted
To accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor
Voted
To accept the Report of the School Committee and to place it on file for future reference
Voted
To accept the Report of the Town Treasurer

Art V
Voted
To act separately on each article of the Estimate of the selectmen for the expenses of the ensuing year

Voted
To appropriate for Assessing Taxes 100.00
for Abatement of Taxes 100.00
for Collector and Treasurer 250.00
for Printing 75.00

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for Breaking Roads	250.00
for Memorial Hall	400.00
for Town Hall	150.00
for Highways	4000.00
for Railing Roads	100.00
for State Aid	900.00
for Recording	50.00
for Repairs of Bridges	100.00
for Paupers	1000.00
for State Lunatic Hospital	300.00
for Vaccination	50.00
for Funeral Expenses	75.00
for Overseeing Poor	60.00
for Miscellaneous Expenses	500.00
for Cemetery	200.00
for Library	1000.00
for Doctoring Poor	50.00
for Schools	3500.00
for Rebuilding Carters Mill Bridge	3000.00
for Rebuilding Turnpike Bridge	4500.00
	22294.00

Voted

To raise $100, in addition to the sum, to be raised for the year ensuing $1240.00, to improve the approaches to the School rooms over the Town Hall and for painting and whitening the rooms.

Voted

Raising Money — To raise $13000, to meet the expenses of the ensuing year including the $100, for improving the approaches to the School rooms over the Town Hall, and painting and whitening the rooms.

Art VI

Voted

Discount — To discount 3 percent on all Taxes paid on or before Oct. 10th 1874

Art VII

Care of Highways — Voted To adopt the same Method as the last year for the care of Roads and Bridges

Art VIII

Hill near Asa's Woods — Voted to refer to the Selectmen to examine and report at the April meeting

Art IX

New Bridges — Voted. That the Selectmen be instructed to cause Iron Bridges to be built at Carters Mill Bridge and the Turnpike bridge

Art X

Watering Trough — Voted to refer to the Selectmen with instructions to act according to their discretion

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Art XI Voted To accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.

Voted To dissolve the meeting

W. H. McNeil. Moderator

A true Copy Attest W. A. Wilbourne Town Clerk

List of Jurors as revised by the selectmen for the year 1874

John Bennett	H. C. Hawkins
Jon^a Bullrick	G. W. Howe
Wm H. Blood	H. D. Humphrey
G. F. Chandler	C. Holman
O. W. Carter	Henry Jewell
S. R Damon	I Dawton
Franklin Davis	S. R Merrick
Orba Estey	L. W. Moore
Rufus Eager	S. T. Rugg
B. F. Farnsworth	J. H. Turner
C. I Fletcher	G. K. Tuttle
L. L. Fawell	C. L. Wilder jr.
C. K. Goodale	O. W. Wellington
J H. Holman	C. J. Wilder
W. G. Wilder	
L. Rowell	

Lancaster Feb. 19. 1874

Oaths administered

J. W. Stone Field driver
S. R. Damon Field driver
George E Green Field driver

George E. Green Measurer of Wood

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester, ss.

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In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Lancaster, on Monday the Sixth day of April next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

I^st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

II^d To see if the Town will authorize the Superintendent of Roads to buy a suitable Roller for the use of Highways, or act thereon,

III To see if the Town will authorize the superintendent of Roads to lay a concrete walk from the Lancaster depot to the Hotel Lancaster, or act relating thereto.

IV To see if the Town will adopt any measures to equalize the salaries of town officers, or act in relation to the same.

V To see if the Town will petition the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to open the Nashua River for the passage of Salmon, or act in relation to the same,

VI To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for Memorial purposes

VII To see if the Town will accept the Retirement Act of 1871, or act thereon

VIII To see if the Town will Authorize the selectmen to construct a sewer in the Main street in South Lancaster, for the purpose of taking off the surface water, or act thereon.

IX To see if the Town will authorize the superintendent of Roads to repair the private way near H. C. Shaws house to the river,

X To see what action the Town will take on certain proposed amendments of the Rules and Regulations of the Town Library,

XI To see if the Town will make any addition to the sum raised for current expenses for the ensuing year, or act thereon,

XII To see if the Town will Authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon

To Choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster, the North Village, Post-Office and Brick meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy four

Calvin Holman
D K Damon } Selectmen of Lancaster
John Bennett

A true copy, Attest Joel Hilden Constable

Worcester ss.

Lancaster, April 6. 1874.

I have served the within Warrant, by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village Post Office and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Hilden Constable of Lancaster

Proceedings of the April Meeting

The voters assembled at one o'clock, the meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Clerk, and the meeting proceeded to vote for Moderator.

Art I Elected D.A. Mc Neil Moderator.

Art II Voted

To refer this article to the Selectmen.

Art III Voted. To pass over the article

Voted

Art IV To indefinitely postpone this Article

Art V Voted: To authorize the Town to petition the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to open the Nashua River for the passage of Salmon.

Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

Art VI Voted

To appropriate one hundred dollars for Memorial purposes

Memorial Purposes

Voted

To refer it to the same Committee as the last year

Art VII Voted. To postpone, and Takeup Article VIII

Art VIII Voted

As a substitute for several propositions, that the Selectmen be instructed to provide the best system of drainage, in their judgment, for the main street in South Lancaster,

Drainage in So. Lancaster

Voted: That the Selectmen change any money expended under Article VIII to the appropriations for Highways

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Voted: To take up Article VII

Art VII

Voted: Not to accept the Betterment act of 1871

Art IX

Voted: To pass over the Article

Art X

By Laws of Library

Voted: That Art 11th of the By Laws of the Library be so changed that it shall read, as follows: See books shall be returned to the Library when the Committee shall so direct, under the penalty of the cost of the book.

Voted: In Articles III, IV, & V of the By Laws of the Library to substitute for March & April

Art XI

Voted: That this article be indefinitely postponed

Art XII

Borrowing Money

Voted: That the Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum of money not exceeding Six thousand dollars, when actually needed and not before, in anticipation of Taxes

Reports of Committees

Voted: To accept the Report of the Selectmen, Inexpedient in regard to cutting down the hill near Chas Woods.

Voted: To accept the Report of the Library Committee

Voted: To accept the Library Committees report on Cemeteries

Voted: To accept the Eastwood Cemetery as a Cemetery, as laid out by Mr Cleveland.

Voted: To take up separately the rules proposed by the Library Committee on Cemeteries

Cemetery Rules

Voted: To adopt Rule I
Voted: To adopt Rule II
Voted: To adopt Rule III
Voted: To adopt Rule IV
Voted: To adopt Rule V
Voted: To pass over the suggestions and recommendations

Voted

To proceed to the choice of a Library Committee

Library Com

Elected G. M. Bartol
Henry Wilder
J. L. S. Thompson
R. P. Marvin
N. Thayer
G. F. Chandler
H. D. Humphrey

Proceedings of April Meeting 1874

Voted: To choose a committee to carry out the improvements contemplated at the March meeting in the approaches to the school rooms over the Town Hall and in painting and whitening those rooms

G. F. Chandler J. D. Butler C. L. Wilder were appointed as that committee.

Voted: By a unanimous rising vote to adopt the resolutions presented by the Rev. A. P. Marvin, relating to the death of Charles Sumner. as follows: whereas in the unerring providence of God, the Hon. Charles Sumner has recently been removed from earthly scenes and labors, the inhabitants of Lancaster in Town Meeting assembled, desire to put on record some testimonial of their appreciation of his character and services, therefore

Resolved; That in the decease of Mr Sumner our Commonwealth and the world has lost one who was a model as a scholar, a statesman, a philanthropist and a man—

As a scholar, he was diligent, patient of labor, various in culture studious in every worthy branch of human knowledge, enriched with all that science, art and literature could add to his nature, while holding his vast acquisitions in readiness for instant use; as a statesman, sound in judgment, acquainted with the varied wants, industries and achievements of his country men, ruled by great principles, yet familiar with detail; above partisan or personal or sectional aims; proud of his native state, yet he embraced his whole country in his heart, while he sought to bind his own country in amity with all other peoples on the true ethical basis of international law; As a philanthropist guided by the precepts of the Christian religion above prejudice, he pitied the prisoner, broke the fetters of the slave & protected the rights of the alien and the stranger; and as a man pure in life, rigid in integrity, a fast friend, a placable enemy, enduring slander violence and wrong without revenge, brave, resolute, aggressive, but courteous and regardful of others, As such a man, philanthropist, Statesman and Scholar, we hold him up as an example for our youth, and for such a gift we render devout thanks to the Great God who made him, gave him to us and to all humanity, and who has now taken him in the fullness of his undying fame to himself.

Voted: To dissolve the meeting

W. H. McNeil. Moderator

A true copy,
Attest: W. S. Wilbourn Town Clerk

1874

Fire Wardens

The Selectmen appointed the following Fire wardens for the ensuing year

C. D. Wilder
L. L. Farwell — D. M. Howard — G. A. Johnson
Chas. Fairbanks — C. L. Wilder Jr. — J. D. Green

Also appointed as Pound Keeper Henry Stow S
Pound Keeper and Sealer of weights & measures for the same term
Sealer of Weights & Measures J. H. Barnes.
May 12, 1874

A true Copy Attest H. A. Kilbourn Town Clerk

Names of males between 18 and 45 yrs

George L. Avery	19	George D. Dixwell	27
Edgar Ashley	23	John E. Farnsworth	26
James Burke	34	Frederic Farnsworth	23
Asa Bee	41	Walter Forbes	22
J. D. Butler	32	Patrick Flynn	33
James Broderick Jr.	21	Henry Flagg	23
Orin Bailey	30	L. A. Farwell	31
W. H. Blood	30	Jos. W. Farwell	24
I. E. Burdett	32	I. G. Farnsworth	28
W. A. M. Bailey	34	Geo. E. Green	26
C. H. Butterfield	43	J. D. Green	23
Thomas E. Burdett	34	Thomas Haddige	25
Chas. E. Blood	31	Howard Gilson	21
George I. Buttrick	32	Patrick Golden	41
Lewis J. Burdett	21	Allen Golden	16
Patrick Burke	33	D. H. Goss	34
C. C. & I. Kent	23	Frank Goss	18
Moris Bolan	37	Josiah Hallis	35
L. A. Burns	40	Chapin Hallis	22
J. A. Cutler	33	Albert J. Hallis	19
Michael Conway	37	Geo Hunting	23
Henry Call	36	Charles Hadsbeen	24
Patrick Coil	45	H. H. Hagar	21
I. H. Carter	25	E. C. Howe	42
W. R. Cunningham	27	W. A. Horton	26
C. I. Cunningham	21	Edwin Harding	27
Wallace Carter	28	H. D. Humphrey	41
O. W. Carter	38	Alfred Heald	32
Geo. B. Coburn	29	Henry Hoskins	29
Albert W. Call	18	H. H. Hall	28
E. H. Call	28	W. F. Hosmer	27
Alexander Chandler	45	Levi H. Howard	22
Jody Dolphin	42	Otis J. Houghton	25
Thomas Dassa	28	H. M. Holmes	25
Thomas Devin	26	C. B. Hemenway	38
Patrick Dillon	38	Frederic Jones	24

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Names of Males between 18 and 45 continued

	Yrs		Yrs
Gage Johnson	22	H. P. Priest	26
John James	32	Hall Parker	19
Zophar Jokes	40	Whyron Robbins	22
David S. Johnson	23	K Rugg	23
Walter C. Jackson	18	Warren D Rowell	21
Frank Jarvis	23	Henry Plow	33
Paul Jarvis	21	Frank Southwick	28
H. A. Kilbourn	35	Charles Mount jr	22
William Kilfoil	18	F. A Stone	44
Peter Kittredge	31	Charles Rhumacher	21
Geo A Lancy	39	A. P. Sawtelle	22
Phillips Lynch	28	John A Sargent	27
Arthur Learys	28	Henry H. Sanderson	22
Charles Low	19	C. H. Sargent	26
Albert Lee	23	Henry D Afford	21
H. H. Mc. Neil	27	William J. Scrivener	27
William Myricks	26	Godfrey Spicer	41
James Mc Coy	31	Robert P Shute	40
James Mc Laughlin	28	Geo. A. Sweet	25
John Matthews	18	D. B Snow	27
Albert Matthews	23	Joseph Pcolley	43
Geo Matthews	26	John Taylor	27
David H Matthews	22	John Tracy	19
Henry Moulter	42	William Thompson	40
Thomas Moran	42	Geo. H. Tuttle	35
Ebenezer C. Mann	24	A. L. Turner	21
L. H. Moore	27	H. S. H. Turner	21
P. H. Mahan	29	B. G. Hyman	22
Waldo H. Mathews	22	John F Thurston	42
C. K Merrick	41	Edward Wilder	24
P. K. Mansfield	26	Gilbert Wilcox	24
G. H. Maynard	21	Henry C Gay	26
Adolph Massie	28	H. F Whitney	22
Thomas Miller	43	Edwin W Whitney	22
William Mackwell	32	William Workman	28
Daniel Macarty	20	L. P. Wood Jr	27
S P. Merrill	26	G. H. Willard	29
James Mc Cloud	24	G. A. Willard	23
John Newton	25	J. M. Whittemore	28
Joel C. Neat	32	C. L. Wilder Jr	21
Henry Nourse	40	Geo H. Wellington	40
Richard Nichols	25	James E. Wise	20
Samuel Osgood jr	21	William M. Wise	27
Fremont Packard	21	J. C. Wheeler	40
William Powers	22	Thomas Walsh	29
Joseph Parmenter	22	Daniel C. Webster	21
John H. Powers	22	C. B. Wilder	24
William Pinchester	20	Dwight Webster	24

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Names of males between 21 and 45 Continued

H. W. Willard	29	C. H. Wilder Jr	27
Alfred A Wyman	30		
Joseph Whalen	20		
E. P. Wynn	42		
Daniel C Webster	31		
John S. Wood	24		

John Bennett
Jeremiah Moore
Andrew J. Bancroft
} Assessors of Lancaster

Lancaster May 1. 1874.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Lancaster on Tuesday the third day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon,

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen on one ballot for the following Offices

For a Representative of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for District number Seven;

For Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Attorney General and Auditor of the Commonwealth;

For Sheriff, Commissioner of Insolvency, One County Commissioner and Two Special Commissioners for the County of Worcester;

For Senator to General Court for the Worcester Fifth Senatorial District, District Attorney for Middle district, and Councillor for Council District number Seven,

To bring in their votes on one ballot for a Representative to represent District number Six in Worcester County, in the next General Court;

The Polls may be closed at three o'clock in the afternoon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster, the South Village, Post Office and Brick Meeting House in the said Town Seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy four

Selectmen of Lancaster
Calvin Holman
D. K. Damon
John Bennett

A true Copy, Attest- Joel Wilder Constable

Worcester ss. Lancaster Nov. 3. 1874

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the South Village, Post Office and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town Seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder, Constable of Lancaster

1874 Proceedings of the November meeting

The voters met at one o'clock and upon the reading of the Warrant proceeded to vote for the following officers, with result as follows.

For Governor
Thomas Talbot of Billerica had 123 votes
William Gaston of Boston .. 65 ..
C. A. Chickering of Lancaster .. 1 vote

For Lieutenant Governor
Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton had 144 votes
William L. Pruch of Springfield .. 57 ..

For Secretary of the Commonwealth
Oliver Warner of Northampton .. 146 ..
Benjamin F. Wells of Williamstown .. 57 ..

For Treasurer and Receiver General
Charles Adams Jr of South Brookfield .. 146 ..
Nathan Cook of Lynn .. 57 ..

For Attorney General
Charles R. Train of Boston .. 146 ..
Waldo Colburn of Dedham .. 57 ..

For Auditor
Charles Endicott of Canton .. 146 ..
E. Osgood Morse of Newburyport .. 57 ..

For Councillor of the Seventh District
George H. Whitney of Hopkinton .. 146
Isaac Davis of Worcester .. 57 ..

For Representative in Congress Seventh Mass. District
James C. Ayer of Lowell .. 127 ..
John K. Tarbox of Lawrence .. 55 ..
Edward E. Hilder of Lancaster .. 1 vote

For Sheriff
Augustus B. & Splague of Worcester .. 146 votes
George R. Sparrs of Worcester .. 57 ..

For District Attorney
Hamilton B. Staples of Worcester .. 146 ..
H. M. Burleigh of Athol .. 57 ..

For County Commissioner
William C. Brown of Fitchburg .. 146 ..
F. C. Currier of Fitchburg .. 57 ..

For Special Commissioners
Robert Ellis of Winchendon .. 146 ..
James R. Davis of Milford .. 146 ..
Lawrence Reade of Milford .. 57 ..
Hiram Allen of Webster .. 57 ..

For Commissioners of Insolvency
Farwell F. Fay of Athol .. 146 ..
David H. Wellington of Fitchburg .. 146 ..
Arthur G. Pierce of Westborough .. 146 ..
Frank. P. Goulding of Worcester .. 146 ..

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For Senator of the 3rd Worcester District — Joseph H. Cross of West Boylston had 146 votes
R. H. B. Nourse of Fitchburg had 129 ,,

For Representative in the General Court — A. J. Sawyer of Harvard ,, 78 ,,
District Number Six — Sewell Day of Lancaster ,, 76 ,,
J. C. Richmond of Harvard ,, 48 ,,

Public declaration of the above votes having been made and the same sealed up in open town meeting, it was voted to dissolve the meeting

W. A. Kilbourn Town Clerk

Representative for the South Worcester District

The Clerks of the several Town composing the South Worcester District having met at Lancaster, Nov 4. at 12. M. and examined the votes, it was found that in the

Town of Bolton
Augustus J. Sawyer of Harvard had ninety two votes
Sewell Day of Lancaster had twenty votes
J. C. Richmond of Harvard had ninety votes

Town of Harvard
Augustus J. Sawyer of Harvard had forty votes
J. C. Richmond of Harvard had five hundred and one votes
Sewell Day of Lancaster had thirty votes

Town of Lancaster
Augustus J. Sawyer of Harvard had twenty eight votes
Sewell Day of Lancaster had twenty five votes
J. C. Richmond of Harvard had forty four votes

J. C. Richmond of Harvard had 936 votes
Augustus J. Sawyer of Harvard had 910 votes
Sewell Day of Lancaster had 126 votes

J. C. Richmond of Harvard having received the largest number of votes was declared elected as representative from the South Worcester District

Attest

W. A. Kilbourn Dist. Clerk

1875. Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Lancaster ss

To either of the constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday, the first day of March next at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

3 To choose a member of the School Committee for three years, in the place of the retiring member.

4 To hear the report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

5 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

6" To see if the Town will make a discount to such persons as shall make their payment of their taxes for the ensuing year, prior to such said times, and if any how much.

7" To determine the manner of repairing Highways, Townways and Bridges the year ensuing.

8" To see if the Town will pay Jonas Farnsworth forty dollars paid by him in schooling his boy

9" To see if the Town will build a Receiving Tomb or act relating thereto

10" To see if the Town will vote to rebuild the Barn and make such improvements on the Town Farm, or act relating thereto.

11" To see if the Town will build a School House near the Poor house and discontinue the present School houses in the North Village, Ballard Hill, and on the Lunenburg road, or act relating thereto.

12" To see if the Town will purchase a Piano forte for the use of the High School, or act relating thereto

13" To revise the list of Jurors.

To hear the report of any outstanding committee, and act thereon.
To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary.
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the North Meeting house and Post Office in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

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1875

March Meeting Warrant continued

Here of fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy five

Calvin Holman)
J R Damon (Selectmen of
John Bennitt) Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster March 1st 1875

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, North Village and Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable of Lancaster

Proceedings of March Meeting

The voters assembled in accordance with the warrant, the meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the clerk, and proceeded to the choice of Moderator. Elected

George W Howe. Moderator and Town Officers as follows viz

Voted to bring in all the same time, votes for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors and Treasurer.

Voted. That the polls be closed at quarter past two. elected

J L S Thompson Town Clerk

Calvin Holman)
J R Damon (Selectmen
John Bennitt)

John Bennitt)
A J Bancroft (Assessors
F A Willard)

Solon Wilder Treasurer

Voted. That the Town clerk of last year act until his successor is qualified

Chose Edward Houghton School Committee for 3 years

J L S Thompson sworn as clerk

Field Drivers

J W Farwell
Myron Nourse
C W Carter
Henry Jewell
Wm Hunting
J R Damon
D R Stone
J W. Moore
Daniel Martin
A J Burditt
~~A L Boiler~~
John Marrah

Measurers of Lumber

A A Bodwell — Calvin Holman
John L Farnsworth's — Asa Estey's

Measurers of Wood

Solon Wilder — M A Haughton
J W Phelps's — Calvin Holman
John L Farnsworth's — L J Burditt's
John Bennett's — C L Wilder Jr's

Fence Viewers

Lewell Day — Eli L Howe's — John Bennett.

Sealer of Leather

Ephraim Avery

Vaccinating committee

J L L Thompson — A D Edgecomb

Auditors

I N Merrick — Wm A Milbourn — G W Howe

Reports

The several Reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School committee and Library Committee were presented and accepted

Report

Art. 5

Estimate

Voted. To take up the estimate of the Selectmen seriatim — estimate accepted

Sidewalks

To raise $ 300. for the repair of sidewalks

Voted

Memorial

To raise for memorial purposes the sum of One Hundred Dollars. To be placed in the hands of returned soldiers. To be expended in such manner as they may prefer. Voted. W F Lyman, J L Farnsworth, Walter Goss — committee

Art. 6

Discount on Taxes

Voted That all taxes paid on or before July 5th shall be entitled to a discount of 6 per cents. all paid on Oct 10th a discount of 3 per cents. all the remaining Taxes to be paid on or before Jan 1st

Art 7

Highways

Voted That the Highways be repaired the same as last year under the supervision — tendered by Calvin Holman —

Voted

Library Com

To refer the choice of Library Committee to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted

Discount

To increase the sum for discount on Taxes to $1000

Art 8

Voted — To indefinitely postpone the 8th Art

Voted To raise with Schools $6,000.

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Proceedings Continued

Art 9th Voted

Rec Tomb

To instruct the Library Committee to report location, plan, and expense for a Receiving Tomb at the April Meeting

Art 10th Voted

Poor Farm

To authorize the Selectmen to expend a sum not exceeding $5000. for building a Barn and improvements at the Poor Farm

Art 11

School House

Voted to refer the subject to a committee of 3 to report at the adjournment of this meeting. Elected School committee as said committee -

Art 12

Piano

Voted to authorize the School committee to purchase a Piano for the use of the High School at an expense not exceeding $350.

Art 13

Jurors

Voted to refer the subject to Ap meeting

Voted

Div of Worcest County

To appoint a committee of three to oppose a division of Worcester before a committee of the Legislature - Elected

J L S Thompson - Sewell Day - Charles L Wilder

Voted

To adjourn to the first Monday in Ap at 2 Oclock P M.

G W Howe Moderator

A true copy

Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted by the Town

Whereas. The oldest Town of Worcester, strongly appreciating its old relations and associations in the county, desires to continue them undrodden, and Whereas, the business of the Town is better accommodated at Worcester than it can be elsewhere

Therefore Resolved

That the inhabitants of Lancaster assembled at their annual meeting, are opposed to any division of the old County

Resolved

That the Town Clerk be instructed to forward to the Mayor of Worcester, a copy of the above resolutions, and a copy to the Representatives of the 8th District in the General Court, to be presented in the Legislature

Resolved

That the Selectmen be instructed to petition the Legislature against the the division of Worcester County

Lancaster Mar 1st 1875

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List of Officers sworn by Town Clerk

Solon Wilder - Treasurer

L J Burdett
J W Phelps
L L Wilder Jr
John Bennett
} Measurers of Wood

William Hunting
J B Moore
} Field Drivers

Eli L Howe Fence Viewer

Orba Estey
John L Farnsworth
} Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

March Meeting Adjourned

The unfinished business of March Meeting was taken up

Voted

Discount — To reconsider all votes passed in relation to discount on taxes for the year ensuing -

Voted

Taxes due Nov 10th — That all taxes shall be due Nov ~~1st~~ 10th - on all taxes unpaid Nov 10th one per cent a month shall be charged in addition until paid. and all taxes to be paid Jan first unpaid before such date.

Voted and chose as

Library committee

Library committee

J M Bartol	Henry Wilder
L L Thompson	A P Marvin
H D Humphrey	J F Chandler

Amos A Whitney

Report on Sch House — The committee on location and building of a new School House made a verbal report

Voted

To accept the report

Voted

School House — To build a School House on land belonging to the Town, near Poor House, at an expense for House and furniture not exceeding the sum of $ 3.800.00

Voted

Committee on Building — That the School committee and the Selectmen be a committee to locate and build the same

Voted - To add J D Butler to the above committee

Voted

Field Drivers — To refer the vacancies in number of Field Drivers to the Selectmen

Voted

Old School Houses — That the old School Houses in Dist No and be placed in the hands of Selectmen for disposal

1875 March Adjournment Continued

Voted as

Constables

Constables Joel Wilder - A M Sweet
J A Furners Jo P Holders
Samuel Rugg

Voted

To raise the sum of $15.000. for current expenses the ensueing year. To be appropriated as follows viz exclusive of State and County Tax

For Assessing Taxes	200	
Abatement of Taxes	100	
Treasurer and Collector	250	
Printing	75	
Breaking Roads	250	
Memorial Hall	350	
Town Hall	150	
Highways	4.000	
Railing Roads	50	
State Aid	800	
Recording	75	
Repair of Bridges	300	
Paupers	1.000	
State Lunatic Hospital	400	
Vaccination	25	
Funeral Expenses	100	
Exercising Poor	60	
Miscellaneous	500	
Painting & Iron Bridges	175	
Cemetery	500	
Library	1.000	
Boarding Poor	50	
Schools	4.000	
Fish	200	
Barn at Poor Farm	4.000	
Improvements of Sidewalks	300	
Memorial purposes	100	
Piano for High School	350	
For Joel Wilder	200	
For School House near Poor House	3.800	
For Survey of Boston Gardner & Lancaster R R	118	48

Voted

To reconsider the vote whereby the Town appropriated $1.000 for abatement on Taxes

Voted

To reduce appropriation for Barn to $4.000

Voted

To dissolve the meeting George W House Moderator

A True copy

Attest J L S Morrison Town Clerk

First Meeting for March
Commenced at Jo Bigelows

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Monday the fifth day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting -

2 To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to inquire whether any Security offered by the Town is due George Mathews and if due, to pay the same -

3 To see if the Town will widen the road at the Railroad crossing near the Benjamin place so called, or act in relation thereto -

4th To see if the Town will abate the Taxes assessed against Calvin Phelps for the years 1873 and 1874, being $12.83

5th To see if the Town will pay Joel Wilder the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, for services rendered the Town in years past, or act in relation thereto

6th To see if the Town will pay the balance for the survey of the Boston Lancaster and Gardner railroad or act in relation thereto

7th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes

8 To revise the list of Jurors -
To hear the report of any outstanding committee, and act thereon.
To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting -
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of March, in the year one Thousand, eight hundred and seventy five

Calvin Holman
J R Damon } Selectmen of Lancaster
John Bennett

Worcester ss

Lancaster April 5th 1875

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting -

Joel Wilder - Constable of Lancaster

1875

Proceedings of April Meeting

The meeting was called to order at one o'clock and the warrant read by the clerk. and organized by the choice of

C. H. McNeil - Moderator.

Voted

Bounty — To leave the subject of the 2d Art. to the Selectmen

Voted

Binghams Road — To refer the 3 Art. to the Selectmen with an money to make such alterations in the road, as they may deem proper.

Voted

Mr Yates — On 4 Art. to abate the taxes of Calvin Shelbs for 1873 and 1874.

Voted

Jail Keeper — On Art. 5 To present Joel Miller the sum of Two Hundred Dollars

Voted

R.R. Survey — To pay the Laconia and Lincolnville Railroad for the survey of the Weirs Laconia and Gardner Rail Road $118.48.

Voted

Town Money — To authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding $10.000. —

Voted

Jurors — To accept the list of jurors.

The following vote was presented

Voted

To instruct the Selectmen in no case to draw orders in excess of appropriations beyond the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

Town Orders

Voted

To refer the above to a committee of three - to report a general rule for the government of the Town - said committee to report to the Selectmen immediately - to the Town, at the next Town meeting - Elected

C. W. Smith - J. J. Rose - Henry Jewell said committee.

Old Tomb — The committee on Receiving Tomb made their report - see on file

Voted J

To accept the report. and adopt so much as refernes to the repair of the old Tomb and paying Sexton additional fees for excavating frozen ground -

That the work & repair be done by Supervisors roads. with advice of Cemetery committee

Voted

That the fees for interments be left to the Selectmen

Hall — The committee on repair of Town Hall stairs and School room made a report

Voted

To accept the report

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

C. H. McNeil Moderator

A true copy

Attest J. L. S Thompson Town Clerk

1875

List of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen for the year 1875

Jonathan Butterick	M. B. Hawkins
A. J. Bancroft	Geo. W. Howe
W. A. Blood	Eli E. Howe
G. F. Chandler	H. D. Humphrey
W. O. Carter	Henry Jewell
S. R. Damon	Thomas Laughton
Lewell Day	S. D. Mansfield
Rufus Eager	Jeremiah Moore
J. W. Farwell	J. A. Messinger
J. E. Farnsworth	A. N. Sweet
B. F. Fletcher	G. F. Sutton
D. W. Goss	B. L. Wilder
J. A. Holman	W. G. Wilder
Calvin Holman	G. W. Wellington
D. M. Howard	Warren Willard

Lancaster Mar 20th 1875

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Lancaster held April 21st 1875. the following appointments were duly made

Fire Wards

Fire Wards

B. L. Wilder — G. A. Johnson — W. A. Kilburne
D. M. Howard — B. L. Wilder Jr. — Asa Foley
Charles Fairbanks

Field Drivers

Geo. M. Sweet's — Horatio Bailey — Charles L. Blood
Henry Stowe — Henry Stowe Pound Keeper

A True copy
Attest J. L. S. Thompson Town Clerk

1875

November Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

November 2d 1875 — Warrant

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Tuesday the second day of November next at one oclock in the afternoon.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen, on one ballot for the following officers For Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Attorney General, and Auditor of the Commonwealth.

For one County Commissioner, and Register of Deeds, for the County of Worcester.

For Senator to the General Court, for the Worcester Fifth Senatorial District, and Councillor for Council District number Seven.

To bring in their votes on one ballot, for Representative, to represent District number Six in Worcester County, in the next General Court.

The polls may be closed at three oclock in the afternoon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office, and the Third Meeting House, in the said Town, seven days at least before the time of meeting

Hereof fail not: and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty third day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

Calvin Holman
S. R. Damon
John Bennett
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster Nov 2d 1875

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office and the Third Meeting House in the said Town Seven days before the day of meeting.

Joel Wilder - Constable

1875 Proceedings of November Meeting

The voters of Lancaster assembled at the Town Hall at one oclock and after the reading of the warrant the voters proceeded to give their ballots for the following individuals viz

For Governor

Alexander H Rice of Boston had	124	votes
William Gaston of Boston had	59	"
John J Baker of Beverly had	4	"

For Lieut Governor

Horatio G Knight of Easthampton had	129	votes
John Quincy Adams of Quincy had	59	"

For Secretary of State

Henry B Pierce of Abington had	129	votes
George H Munroe of Boston had	59	"

For Treasurer

Charles Endicott of Canton had	129	votes

For Attorney General

Charles R Train of Boston had	129	votes
George F Derry of Worcester had	59	"

For Auditor

Julius L Clark of Newton had	129	votes
John F Fitzgerald of Boston had	59	"

For Councillor Dist No 7

George Whitney of Royalston had	129	votes

For Senator 6 Worcester Dist

Elisha Brimhall of Clinton had	129	votes
Nahum Harwood of Leominster had	59	"

For County Commissioner

Henry G Tafft of Uxbridge had	87	votes
George R Sherr of Worcester had	42	"

For Register of Deeds

Charles A Chase of Worcester had	102	votes
Edward F Raymond of Worcester had	86	"

For Representative 6th Dist

Abijah P Marvin of Lancaster had	98	votes
J G Richmond of Harvard had	61	"
James D Hurlbut of Bolton had	22	"
Sewell Day of Lancaster had	1	"

A true copy Attest J L S Thompson Town Clk

1874

6th Representative District

The Clerks of the several Towns comprising the District met at Lancaster Nov 3 at 12 O'Clock M.

The votes of the several Towns were as follows viz

Bolton

A P Marvin Lancaster 61
James D Hurlbut Bolton 94
J L Richmond Harvard 52

Harvard

A P Marvin of Lancaster 51
James D Hurlbut Bolton 33
J L Richmond Harvard 108

Lancaster

A P Marvin of Lancaster 98
James D Hurlbut. Bolton 22
J L Richmond . Harvard 61

A P Marvin Total 211
James D Hurlbut " 151
J L Richmond " 221

J L Richmond having received the largest number of votes was declared elected Representative for 6th Worcester Dist.

A true copy

Attest J L Thompson Dist. Clerk

1876

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the sixth day of March next. at one oClock in the afternoon. then and there, to act on the following articles - viz

Warrant for March Meeting

1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year

3 To choose a Member of the School Committee for three years, in the place of the retiring member of said Committee, also to fill any vacancy in said Committee for one year.

4" To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and act thereon

5" To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same

6" To see if the Town will vote to make a discount to such persons as shall make voluntary payment of their Taxes for the ensuing year prior to specified times, and if any, how much.

7" To determine the manner of repairing Highways, Foot ways and Bridges the year ensuing -

8" To revise the list of Jurors -

9" To see if the Town will accept the Betterment Act of 1871. or act thereon.

10" To see if the Town will vote to abate the Tax assessed against Sylvester Bannister for the year 1876. being $ 11.31 -

11" To abate the Tax assessed against Calvin Phelps. being $ 5.42

12" To see if the Town will pay David W Mathews, a bounty of One Hundred Dollars and interest, for enlisting as one of the quota of Lancaster in 1863. or act relating thereto

13" To see if the Town will pay George W Mathews, interest on the Bounty of one Hundred recently paid him. for enlisting as one of said quota. or act relating thereto

14 To see what regulation the Town will establish for the use and security of the Town Hall or act in relation to the same -

15" To see what action the Town will take, in relation to the preparation and publication of a history of the Town, or act in relation to the same

16" To see if the Town will erect any Monument on the site of the garrison house destroyed by the Indians. or act in relation to the same

To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon

To choose any Committee or Committees that may be thought necessary,

over

1876 March Warrant continued

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster, the North Village, the Brick Meeting House and Post Office in the said Town, seven days before the time for holding said meeting — Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid —
Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy six

Calvin Holman
S P Damon } Selectmen of Lancaster
John Bennett

Worcester ss Lancaster Mar 6th 1876

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, North Village, Brick Meeting House, and Post Office in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder — Constable

Proceedings of March Meeting

The voters assembled at the Town Hall at one o'clock in accordance with the Warrant, and proceeded to organize the meeting by the choice of

William A Kilburn Moderator

Voted

To ballot at the same time for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, School-Committee, and Library Committee

The result of the ballot was as follows, viz

J L S Thompson — Town Clerk

Solon Wilder — Treasurer

A P Marvin, for 3 years } School Committee
Anna H Whitney " " "

S P Damon
Lemuel Day } Selectmen
A J Bancroft

A J Bancroft
F H Willard } Assessors
H D Humphrey

G M Bartol
J L S Thompson
A P Marvin
G F Chandler } Library Committee
H D Humphrey
Anna H Whitney
Charlotte Fisher

1876

Proceedings continued

At the entire board of Selectmen positively declined serving it was voted

To defer the choice of Selectmen to the adjournment of this meeting voted

That when we adjourn it be to one week from this day, at one Oclock P M voted and choose as Constables

Joel Wilder	A N Sweet
S N Turner	W P Holden

Field Drivers

Levi P Woods	James A Holman
Geo N Fuller	Joel W Wilder
Henry Jewell	S R Damon
Daniel Mathews	John Taylor
James Wells	W G Wilder

Measurers of Lumber

A F Hosmer	John Bennitt
J E Farnsworth	Calvin Holman

Measurers of Wood

Solon Wilder	J W Barnes
E W Carr	J W Phelps
Marcus Horton	Calvin Holman
James A Wells	L W Wilder

Fence Viewers

Sewell Day. C I Fletcher - J W Barnes

Geo A Johnson - Sealer of Leather

Vaccinating Committee

J L S Thompson A D Edgecomb

Auditing Committee

John Bennitt - J L S Thompson - S R Damon

Reports of Selectmen — Selectmen submitted their annual report voted to accept the report

Sch Com Reports — School committee made their report in writing voted - to accept the report.

Voted

To adjourn for one week at one Oclock P M -

A true copy W A Fel[illegible] Moderator

Attest J L S Thompson
Town Clerk -

1876
March 13

Adjournment of March Meeting

The voters assembled at Town Hall at One Oclock P M and proceeded in the unfinished business of March Meeting.
A J Bancroft withdrew his resignation and consented to serve as one of the Board of Selectmen
Voted
To proceed to the choice of Two Selectmen.
Elected. Edward Houghton & H A Willard.
Report on Guideboards made by Selectmen. accepted
List of Jurors accepted.
Report on Town expenditures by E W Smith with Two orders
Voted
To accept the report and adopt the orders. as report
Library committee submitted their annual report. accepted
Voted
To accept the Lane Tomb if presented to the Town.
Voted
To take up the 5th Art.
Voted. To raise for

For Assessing Taxes	$ 200	For Decoration Day	$ 100.
" Abatement of Taxes	100	For Rest Tomb	" 150.
" Treasurer and Collector	250	For Fish	" 100.
" Printing	75	Town Sch House	1200.
" Breaking Roads	250	Address 4th July	150.
" Memorial Hall	300	Cemet Fence	150.
" Town Hall	200		
" Highways	3 000		
" Sidewalks	100		
" Railing Roads	50		
" State Aid	600		
" Recording	75		
" Repair of Bridges	250		
" Paupers	1 000		
" State Lu Hospital	350		
" Vaccination	25		
" Funeral Expenses	100		
" Overseeing Poor	60		
" Doctoring "	50		
" Miscellaneous	500		
" Cemetery	300		
" Library	1 000		
" Schools	6000		

Voted
To place the care of the Highways in the hands of the Selectmen
Voted
To defer the raising of money to the adjournment of this meeting. and that when we do adjourn it be to the first Monday in April at One Oclock P M

1876 March Meeting Adjournment Continued

Voted

Borrow money — That the Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding $1500. in anticipation of Taxes.

Voted

Drain — To refer the matter of laying Drain Pipe on East side of Street from Hotel to Capt. Whitneys. To Selectmen. To report at adjournment of this meeting

Voted

Drain — To instruct Selectmen to examine the matter of a Street drain in Dist. No Lancaster. and report proper expense for same.

Voted

To adjourn — W A Kilburn Moderator

A true copy

Attest E L Thompson Town Clerk

Report on Expenditures of Town

It is the unanimous recommendation of this committee. That no Special Committee appointed by the Town of Lancaster, for the expenditure of any specific appropriation be allowed under any circumstances to exceed such sum appropriated, unless the written approval and consent of the Board of Selectmen of the Town. shall first be obtained to such proposed excess of expenditure. and that wanting such written approval. The Selectmen be instructed to refuse payment of all drafts in excess of the sum voted by the Town

Lancaster Apl 10th 1876

E Warren Smith
Saml G Snow (committee
Henry Sewell

And we therefore recommend the passage of the following orders

1st Ordered. That no Committee appointed by the Town of Lancaster for the expenditure of any specific appropriation. be allowed under any circumstances to exceed such sum appropriated, unless the written approval and consent of the Board of Selectmen to such proposed excess of expenditure. shall first be obtained.

2d Ordered. That the Selectmen of this Town be, and hereby are ordered to refuse payment of all drafts, drawn on them by any committee in excess of the specific sum voted by the Town, unless their written approval and consent shall have first been obtained, to such proposed excess of expenditure.

Respectfully submitted

E Warren Smith
Henry Sewell

Lancaster Feb 11th 1876

See report on file

Voted

To accept the report

1876

List of Jurors

List of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen for the year 1876

Jonathan Bullrich	Eli 2 Howe
William H Blood	H D Humphrey
J W Barnes	Thomas Laughton
A J Bancroft	Henry Jewell
G F Chandler	Jeremiah Moor
O W Carter	J A Messinger
S R Damon	Samuel Osgood Jr
Rufus Sager	J W Phelps
J W Farwell	S F Rugg
Daniel Goss	H N Sweet
J H Holman	J F Thurston
Calvin Holman	C L Wilder
D M Howard	W G Wilder
Edward Houghton	G W Wellington
G W Howe	F A Willard

Officers sworn by Town Clerk

W F Holden	Constable
H D Humphrey	Assessor
[illegible] Derrick	Sealer Leather
W W Barnes	Fence Viewer
John Taylor	Field Driver
John Farnsworth	Sealer Lumber
[illegible] Thurston	Selectman

C C A Lyman

You are hereby directed by the Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster Constable in said Town, for the ensuing year

Lancaster Mass 1st 1876

Edward Houghton)
H J Bancroft } Selectmen
F A Willard)

1876 | Adjournment P. March Meeting Art 3

The meeting was opened and the back record read and the [illegible] on acceptance of betterment Act considered

Voted

Betterment Act | To accept the provisions of the Act of 1871 entitled "An Act [illegible]

Voted

Abat Tax | To abate the Tax of Sylvester Barnes for the year 1875

Voted

Abate Tax | To abate the Tax of Baldwin Phelps for the year 1876

Voted. Art. 2

Bounty & Interest | To instruct the Selectmen to pay a Bounty of One Hundred Dollars with simple interest from 1863 to David D. Mathews

Voted

Interest on Bounty | To instruct the Selectmen to pay to George W. Mathews the interest on One Hundred Dollars Bounty. Since 1863

After long discussion on Art 14, action was refused.

Voted.

History of Town & Lancaster | To refer Art 16 "To choose a committee of five to take such actions as they may deem advisable - Elected as said committee

Rev J. M. Bartol — Rev A. P. Marvin
J. M. Damon — Chas J. Fletcher
C. A. Wilder

Voted

Monument | To refer Art 16 "To choose committee
See Art 6"

Voted

Decoration Day | To raise for Decoration Day the sum of One Hundred Dollars to be expended by a committee chosen by returned soldiers.

Voted

Repair & Paint Hub | To appropriate for the repair of the meeting house in Still River and painting a sum not exceeding $.50

Voted

Painting School House Sand Hill | To appropriate for painting the district House in the Sand Hill District not exceeding $.200, with the old School House and land.

Voted

Raising Money | To raise for the current expenses of the ensuing year the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars $17.000.

Voted

To dissolve the meeting
A true copy — W. A. Wilburn — Moderator
Attest: J. A. Thompson Town Clerk.

Voted

Fish | To raise for cultivation of Fish $100

A true copy
J. A. Thompson Town Clerk.

1876

April Meeting Warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Lancaster on Monday the third day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles - viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to make repairs on the George Hill School House, or act thereon.

3d To see if the Town will rebuild the South Grammar and Primary School House or act in relation thereto.

4th To see if the Town will appropriate thirty dollars and 30 cts for the purpose of exhibiting the educational and literary facilities of Lancaster at the Centennial Exhibition - or act thereon.

5th To see if the Town will raise money to provide for the delivery and publication of a Centennial address on the 4th July next or act relating thereto.

6th To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to rebuild the fence inclosing the Old Common Cemetery, or act thereon.

7th To see if the Town will change the location of the School House in District No 2 or act thereon.

8th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes

To hear the report of any unfinished business committee and act thereon.

To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at South Lancaster Post Office, Post Office and the Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy six

Edward Houghton
A. P. Bancroft
Frederick A. Willard
(Selectmen of Lancaster)

Worcester ss

Lancaster Apl 3 1876

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster Post Office, Post Office and the Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Goldier Constable.

A.D. [illegible]

The voters met at the Town Hall at One o'Clock P.M. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Clerk, and was organized by the choice of William A Wilson Moderator

Voted

To take up the 7th Art. of the warrant

Voted

Moving to Art. 2 Art. That the change & location of the School House in Dist. No. 2 be left to the School Committee and Selectmen. to act 2nd Tuesday in March

Voted

To pass over the 2d Art.

Voted

To pass over the 3d Art.

Voted

To pass over the 4th Art.

Voted

4th & 5th Art. To raise a Municipal & S. and Mat. Precinct $ 50. to defray Municipal for the delivery and publication & abstract Municipal as by the Town Clerk Elected as said Committee

Rev A P Marvin - Rev E M Barbe
Wm J Fletcher - E F Chandler
Henry S Howe -

Voted

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to rebuild the fence enclosing the cemetery 2d the E. Common, and that the sum of $150. be appropriated for such purpose -

Voted

Voted to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding $ [illegible] in anticipation of Taxes -

Voted

Report of Selectmen on the petition of Drains in Southbridge and the centre of the Town - submitted

Voted

To indefinitely postpone the whole subject -

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

Wm A Wilson Moderator

A True copy
Attest J d [illegible]

To Wm E Harvey

Sir - You are hereby appointed by the Selectmen of Dudley as Constable in said Town for the year ensuing

Edward Houghton
Andrew J Bancroft } Selectmen of
H A Ballard } Dudley

1876

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the 29th day of May next, at One o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2d To see if the Town will vote, that monies received for the sale of Lots in the several Cemeteries may be expended in improving the same or act thereon

3d To see if the Town will continue the method of collecting taxes adopted last year, or act thereon.

4th To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to license the sale of intoxicating liquors or act in relation thereto

5th To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money to remove the South Lancaster School House, or act in any relating thereto

6th To see if the Town will repair the School House at George Hill, or act in any way relating thereto

To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon.

To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office, and the North Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands, this 22d day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy six.

Edward Houghton
Andrew J Bancroft
& A Willard
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster May 29th 1876

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office and the North Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

1876 Proceedings of Town Meeting

The Voters assembled at the Town Hall at One O'Clock. The warrant was read and the meeting organized by the choice of

Jo J Symmes Moderator

On the 2d Art. it was

Voted

Sale of Lots in Cemeteries — That monies derived from the sale of Lots in the several Cemeteries may be divided to the enlargement and improvement of the several Cemeteries

Voted

Collect Taxes — To add Dr. Wm Adams name to the Collecting Taxes as last year

Voted

License — To pass over the 4th Art.

Voted

Moving Sch House — To see if the vote appropriating money for the removal of the School House on South Lancaster

Voted

Repr of Sch House — To indefinitely postpone the 6th Art.

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

Jo J Symmes Moderator

A True Copy

Attest J & S Thompson Town Clerk

Military List for 1876

The Assessors returned to the Town Clerk as liable to do military duty. One Hundred and eighty five names - 185

Lancaster July 1876

Attest J & S Thompson Town Clerk

1876

Warrant for November Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at One Oclock in the afternoon. then and there.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for the following Offices, all on one ballot - viz

Thirteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America as follows.

For at Large and one from each Congressional District in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

One Representative for the Seventh Congressional District to the forty fifth Congress

Also for Governor, Lieut Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General, and Auditor, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year ensuing. One Counsellor for the 7th Counsellor District. One Senator for Worcester 6th Senatorial District -

One County Commissioner for Worcester County for three years next ensuing. One Register of Deeds. One Treasurer. one Clerk of Courts.

Also on one ballot for two Representatives for Worcester 5 Representative District in the General Court. To be holden on the first Wednesday of January next

The polls may be closed at 3 Oclock P M

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster, The North Village, Post Office and Town Meeting in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Herein fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six

Edward Houghton) Selectmen
Andrew J Bancroft) of
Frederick A Willard) Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster Nov 7th 1876

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same. at South Lancaster. The North Village. Post Office and the Town Meeting House. in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

The votes as received at the town Hall at one Oclock and counted by Wright & Ellis for the following Offices - viz

For Electors at Large

Thomas Talbot of Billerica	had	287	votes
Stephen Salisbury of Worcester	"	287	votes
William Gaston of Boston	"	76	votes
Edward Avery of Braintree	"	76	votes

For District No 1

Warren Cadd of New Bedford	had	287	votes
James D Thompson of New Bedford	"	76	votes

For District No 2

Theodore Dean of Taunton	had	287	votes
Samt N Dyer of So Abington	"	76	votes

For District No 3

J Fell Osgood of Boston	had	287	votes
Geo P Baldwin of Boston	"	76	votes

For District No 4

Martin Brimmer of Boston	had	287	votes
Wilder Woodbury of Boston	"	76	votes

For District No 5

Samt C Lawrence of Medford	had	287	votes
Alpha Thompson of Woburn	"	76	votes

For District No 6

George W Morrill of Amesbury	had	287	votes
James D Smiley of Haverhill	"	76	votes

For District No 7

Carroll D Wright of Reading	had	287	votes
James C Abbott of Lowell	"	76	votes

For District No 8

Jas R Lowell of Cambridge	had	287	votes
Edwin A Alger of Cambridge	"	76	votes

For District No 9

John C Whitin of Northbridge	had	287	votes
Eli Thayer of Worcester	"	76	votes

For District No 10

W H C Pearsons of Holyoke	had	287	votes
Timothy S Wilson of Fitchburg	"	76	votes

1876

Governor Meeting Continued

For District No 11

Richard Goodenan of Lenox	had	287	votes
Otis Quackenbush of Pittsfield	"	76	votes

For Governor

Alexander H Rice of Boston	had	344	votes
Charles Francis Adams of Quincy	"	76	votes
John S Baker of Beverly	"	11	votes

For Lieut Governor

Horatio G Wright of Easthampton	had	244	votes
William R Plunkett of Pittsfield	"	76	votes
Daniel L Eddy of Boston	"	11	votes

For Secretary of State

Henry B Peirce of Abington	had	244	votes
Weston Howland of Fairhaven	"	76	votes
Daniel B Gurney of So Abington	"	11	votes

For Treasurer

Charles Endicott of Canton	had	244	votes
David H Stillings of Winchester		76	votes

For Auditor

Julius L Clark of Newton	had	244	votes
John L Fitzgerald of Boston		76	votes

For Attorney General

Charles R Train of Boston	had	244	votes
Richard Olney of Boston	"	76	votes
Orin T Gray of Hyde Park	"	11	votes

For Councillor

George Whitney of Royalston	had	255	votes

For Representative to 45th Congress

Benj F Butler of Lowell	had	149	votes
John R Sawyer of Lawrence	"	79	votes
E Rockwood Hoar of Concord	"	101	votes

For Senator 5th Dist

Elisha Brimhall of Clinton	had	241	votes
Mahum Harwood of Leominster	"	76	votes
A A Wright of Leominster	"	11	votes

For Clerk of Courts

John A Dana of Worcester	had	229	votes
J Henry Hill of Worcester	"	76	votes

1876 November Meeting continued

For County Treasurer

Edward A Brown of Fitchburg	had	244	votes
Emory L Harwood of Oxford	"	70	votes

For Register of Deeds

Harvey N Wilder of Worcester	had	71	votes
Irving N Sayles of Millbury	"	70	votes
Charles A Chase of Worcester	"	184	votes

For County Commissioner

Henry L Rice of Barre	had	255	votes
George R Spurr of Worcester	"	76	votes

For Rep to Gen Court

Nathaniel A Newton of Bolton	had	169	votes
Pearly Barrett of Sterling	"	141	votes
Jonathan L Richmond of Harvard	"	109	votes
Moses N Haywood of Sterling	"	86	votes
Henry P Keating of Sterling	"	11	votes
Moses N Hayward of Sterling	"	3	votes

Ff It The above votes were collected - counted, and publick declaration made thereof and the same sealed up in Open Town Meeting - It was

Voted

To adjourn sine die

A True Copy

Attest J L L Thompson Town Clerk

1876

Meeting of Clerks Worcester 5th Representative Dist.

At a meeting of the several Clerks held at Clinton Nov 8th the result of the balloting in the Towns comprising said Dist. was as follows - viz

Town of Berlin

Nathaniel A Newton of Bolton	had	184	votes
Peary Bartlett of Sterling	"	184	"
Henry P Cutting Sterling	"	28	"
J b Richmond Harvard	"	21	"
Moses B Heywood Sterling	"	21	"

Town of Bolton

Nathaniel A Newton of Bolton	had	169	"
Peary Bartlett of Sterling	"	47	"
J b Richmond " Harvard	"	55	"
M B Heywood " Sterling	"	54	"
H P Cutting " Sterling	"	12	"
M B Hayward " "	"	1	"

Town of Clinton

N A Newton	Bolton	had	536	"
P Bartlett	Sterling	"	456	
M B Heywood	"	"	485	
J b Richmond	Harvard	"	487	
H P Cutting	Sterling	"	83	
A b Dakin	Clinton	"	1	

Town of Harvard

N A Newton	Bolton	had	124
P Bartlett	Sterling	"	125
J b Richmond		"	116
M B Heywood		"	117
H P Cutting		"	1

Town of Lancaster

N A Newton	Bolton	had	150
P Bartlett		"	141
J b Richmond		"	190
M B Heywood		"	85
H P Cutting		"	11
M B Hayward		"	3

Town of Lunenburg

N A Newton	Bolton	had	175
P Bartlett		"	175
J b Richmond		"	54
M B Hayward		"	54

N A Newton and P Bartlett having the requisite number of votes were declared duly elected and certificates issued accordingly

Attest J d S Thompson Town Clerk

Town Meeting Warrant
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester
Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Monday the fifth day of March next at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles - viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting -

2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

3 To choose a member of the School Committee for three years, in the place of the retiring member of said Committee.

4" To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and act thereon -

5" To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same

6" To see if the Town will vote to make a Discount to such persons as shall make voluntary payment of their taxes for the ensuing year, prior to specified times, and if any, how much -

7" To determine the manner of Repairing Highways, Townways and Bridges the ensuing year

8" To revise the List of Jurors -

9" To choose a Trustee of the Charitable Fund in place of Col F B Fay deceased -

10" To see what regulations the Town will make for the future use of the Town Hall -

11 To see what remuneration the Town will make the Union Steamer Fire Co - for their aid in extinguishing fire, last year, or act anything relating thereto -

12 To see what action the Town will take to procure a Fire Engine

13" To see what action ~~will~~ the Town will take in relation to enlarging and repairing the Hearse House and Receiving Tomb -

14" To see if the Town will build a house for the use of the Schools in the Centre - or act anything relating thereto -

15 To see if the Town will accept of the Road as laid out by the Selectmen - leading from the South Lancaster Street - at S N Haskells - westerly to the George Hill road - or act thereon -

16" To see if the Town will compensate Jonas Robbins for damage from the washing of land upon his land in 1874 - or act thereon -

17" To hear the Report of the Committee on History and act anything relating thereto

Ben

1877 March Warrant continued

To hear the report of any outstanding committee, and act thereon

To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary –
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at South Lancaster, the North Village, and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting –
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid –
Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven

Edward Houghton
Andrew J Bancroft } Selectmen
Frederick A Willard

Worcester ss

Lancaster March 5th 1877

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village and the Brick Meeting House in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting

Josh Wilder Constable –

Officers sworn by the Town Clerk March 1877

Wm S Harvey
Austin Phelps } Field Drivers
Wm Bennett Surveyor
Jno Bennett Fence Viewer
Austin Phelps
G W Wellington } Meas of Wood
Solon Wilder Treasurer & Collector

1877 | Proceedings of March Meeting

The meeting was called to order at One Oclock and the warrant read by the clerk - after which the meeting proceeded to the choice of Moderator - elected Wm H Mc Neil - Moderator

Voted

To Ballot for Town Clerk - Selectmen - Assessors - Treasurer and Collector - Constables and School Committee on one Ballot.

The following officers were declared elected viz

Town Clerk	J L S Thompson.	Town Clerk
Selectmen	Edward Houghton Calvin Holman A J Bancroft	Selectmen
Assessors	Andrew J Bancroft Francis H Willard Jeremiah Moore	Assessors
Treasurer	Solon Wilder	Treasurer
Constables	Joel Wilder S H Turner Henry Hosley H N Sweet	Constables
Sch Com	Anna H Whitney	School Committee

Library Committee

Geo M Barker	G F Chandler
J L S Thompson	H D Humphrey
A P Marden	Anna H Whitney

Charlotte Fisher.

Lib Com

Field Drivers

S R Parker	Alonzo Ball
Geo N Tuttle	Walter Jacksons
Charles F Tufts	Joel W Wilder
Wm B Harvey	Arthur Hawkins
Austin Phelps	John Taylors

Field Drivers

Measurers of Wood

Solon Wilder	Princeus Horton
F A Willards	W G Wilders
J D Green	J E Farnsworths
Calvin Holmans	G W Wellington

Austin Phelps

Measurers of Wood

1877 March Proceedings continued

Measurers of Lumber

Measurers of Lumber: H F Hosmer, John Bennett; J L Farnsworth, Calvin Holman

Fence Viewers

Fence Viewers: Sewell Day, John Bennett, John Abbes

Vaccinating Committee

Vaccinating Committee: J L S Thompson, A D Edgecomb

Auditors

Auditors: John Bennett, J L S Thompson, S R Damon

Weighers of Coal & Hay

Weighers of coal Hay and Grain: W G Wilder, Horatio Bailey; S H Turner, J W Phelps

Select Report

Report of Selectmen

Voted - Accepted

Art. 5th

Building Fence — Voted — To pass over to the adjournment of this meeting

Art. 6th

Voted — To continue indefinitely

Art. 7th

Highways — Voted — To refer the matter to the care of the Selectmen

Jurors — Voted — To accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen

Trustee Fund — Voted — And chose Levi S Wood Jr as Trustee of Charitable Fund

Voted

Town Hall — And chose J L S Thompson - Calvin Holman - Sewell Day a committee to report on the future use of the Town Hall at adjournment

Voted

Fire Department — The sum of Two Hundred Dollars to the Engineers of Clinton Fire Department to be distributed according to their best discretion -

Voted

Fire Engine — To refer the subject of a Fire Engine to a committee of three. to report at the April meeting - Elected J L S Thompson - Calvin Holman - H D Humphrey

Voted

Hearse House — To refer the repair of Hearse House to the Selectmen to make such arrangements with the Sexton for the care of Hearse as they may deem advisable -

Voted

Journals — To authorize the Selectmen to pay an increased sum for Journals in the winter

Voted

Old Tomb — That the Cemetery committee be authorized to expend one hundred dollars on the receiving tomb at Old Common -

1877 March Proceedings continued

The committee on Town History submitted a partial report. on Report

Voted

Town History | That the committee on Town History be instructed to continue their efforts and that the suggestions contained in their report be adopted.

Decoration Day

Voted And chose as committee for that occasion

Decoration Committee | b To Demerway Henry Villard
J L Farnsworth H S Howse

Voted

To authorize the above committee to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars
On Art 14th

Voted

Vote on Sch House | To chose a committee of five to consider the subject and report at April meeting
Elected as said committee

Wm H McNeil Edward Houghton
J L S Thompson J W Phelps
b T Fletcher

On Art 15th

Voted

Road in S Lancaster | To accept the report of the Selectmen laying out a road at South Lancaster & discharging A Powell for betterments and that the future consideration of the subject be left with the Selectmen with full powers.
On Art 16th

Voted

Adjournment | To refer this article to the adjournment of this meeting.

Report of centennial committee.

Centennial | Voted To accept the report.

Report on Library

Library | Voted To accept the report

Voted

To adjourn to first Monday in April at one Oclock P M

Wm H McNeil Moderator

A true copy
Attest J L S Thompson Town Clerk

List of Jurors

Jon[a] Bulkley	F A Willard
Jon A Blood	A D Humphrey
W F Wyman	A W Howe
A J Bancroft	Jeremiah Moore
G F Chandler	Geo A Johnson
L W Carter	W A Tilbourn
S R Damon	J W Phelps
Rufus Sager	A F Marvin
L W Farwell	L W Carr
Daniel Goss	L W Mann
Sewell Day	A F Bosmer
Calvin Holman	F A Willard
D M Howard	A S Mourse
Edward Houghton	G W Bellington
G W Howe	L G Tilley

Feb 24 1877

Edward Houghton)
A J Bancroft (Selectmen
F A Willard)

Report of Committee on History

Report of Committee on History

The committee to whom was referred, at the last April meeting, the subject of the preparation and publication of a History of the Town of Lancaster, to take such action as they may deem advisable; to have to report at their discretion, a statement of the progress they have made, and certain recommendations, to the Town, but not as a matter of formal record –

The committee have instructed him to say that they have proceeded as follows –

1st That they have found no manuscript history of Lancaster by Mr Willard in existence so far as is known to his family –

2d That a large mass of material for a complete history of the town from 1643 to 1879 has been collected, and that the records of the town have been read with, to a large extent, from that date to the present time –

3d That the history has been written so as to cover the time from the first burning of the forest in 1643, till nearly the close of the century.

The committee were also instructed due to offer the following recommendations to the town –

1st That the town authorize the completing of the history

2d That the town authorize the printing of the history as soon as convenient to the trustees, and of such number of copies, more or less as may be needed, to distribute among the families of the town; and also copies to be sold for sale to people living out of town, the price to be $3.00 per copy –

3d That the committee be authorized to draw from time to time such sums of money as may be needed, not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars $1500

For the committee G W Bartol Chairman

Lancaster March 5th 1877

Report of Committee on Centennial Celebration

The Committee to whom was referred by a vote of the Town April 3, 1876 the subject of the preparation and publication of a Centennial Address on the fourth day of July last, would respectfully report a printed copy of the address and a portion of the other exercises on that occasion.

After distribution to residents and former residents of the Town, and to the orator, the balance of copies remaining on hand, is deposited in the Town Library, for exchange with other Libraries, and also for sale at twenty five cents each.

The Committee would also submit a Statement of other proceedings on that occasion authorized by the Spirit of the Letter of their instructions, and which, so far at least, as they have not been published, it is deserable should be placed on the records of the Town.

Besides procuring an original hymn and an original Ode suited to the occasion, for which, as well as for the address, they have returned thanks, the Committee, in the name of the Town, to the respective writers, they further secured the services of a Band of Music, and for the evening, a display of Fireworks.

The receipts and expenses of the Celebration were as follows.

Paid Messrs Boylston Band	$ 96.00
Hotel Lunch & Dinner for Band	13.50
" " for Horses	3.00
" " " Orator and family	8.99
Livery Hackmen	2.25
Gas Bills	1.50
Advertising	0.40
Paid Solon Wilder Lemons	9.00
Sexton Bigelow ringing bells	5.50
Printing	9.00
Fireworks	188.50
Printing Addresses	158.37
Express	1.25
Postage	1.14
	$ 468.42

Rec'd of Town	$ 150.50
Subscriptions	131.86
Mark Mayer	186.42
	$ 468.42

Wm Barker
A. S. Merrow
Chas F. Fletcher } Committee
J. F. Granville
Henry J. Morse

Adjournment of March Meeting

Voted. To Art. 10th To Take up Reports of Committees

Voted.

To adopt the report of Committee on Use of Town Hall. See report

The Committee on Fish made a report.

Voted.

To adopt the report and that the recommendations of the report be referred to the Ad Fish Committee viz Ds Thompson. Wm H Neil Rufus Lazer

Voted.

To refer Art. 16 To Selectmen with full powers.

Voted.

To appropriate the several sums as follows. viz

Assessing Taxes	$ 2 00
Abatement of Taxes	400.
Treasurer and Collector	250.
Printing	75
Treating Roads	250
Town Hall. Memo Hall & Sch Houses	600
Highways	2 000
Sidewalks	100
Railing Roads	50
State Aid	500
Recording 50 Town Clerks Salary 50	100
Painting Bridges	250
Repairs of Bridges	250
Paupers	1 000
State Lunatic Hospital	300
Vaccination	25
Funeral Expenses	150
Overseeing Poor	60
Doctoring Poor	50
Miscellaneous	500
Cemeteries	300
Library	1 000
Schools	5 600
School House No 3	75
Committee on Town History	1 500
Fire Department	1 000
Road in South Lancaster	200
" " " North Lancaster	300
For improvements at Poor Farm	300

Voted

To raise for current expenses the ensuing year the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars $17,000.

Voted.

That the Selectmen and overseers be instructed to condense their reports for publication, and to include Births Marriages and Deaths of preceding year

Voted To Adjourn the meeting

Wm H Neil Moderator

Attest: J d S Thompson Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester. Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. you are directed to notify the
inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in elections and town affairs
to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Monday the second day of April
next. at one o'clock in the afternoon. then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in
anticipation of the payment of taxes -

3d To see if the Town will dispose of the School House on the Old Common. and of the
School House on the Lunenburg road. or act thereon -

4th To see if the Town will change the words "Town Treasurer" in Section 2. Chapter 6. of the
Library. in Art 5th of the Regulations of the Town Library -

5th To see if the Town will accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen - leading
through land of Thos H. Thomas. from the road from Harvard to Lancaster. to the
road from Harvard to Shirley -

6th To hear the reports of any out standing committee and act thereon
7th To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary -
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at
Lancaster. the North Village. Post Office and Methodist Church in the said Town
seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting -
Hereof fail not. and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon. to
the Town Clerk. at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of March in the year one Thousand
eight hundred and seventy seven

Edward Houghton)
Calvin Holman (Selectmen
A J Bancroft)

Worcester ss

Lancaster Apl 2 1877

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the
same at Lancaster. the North Village. Post Office and Meth. Meeting House
in the said Town seven days before the day of meeting
Joel Miller Constable

1877

Proceedings of April Meeting

The town met at Town Hall in accordance with the warrant at 1 Oclock P.M. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the clerk when the meeting proceeded to the choice of a Moderator. Elected

John H. McNeil Moderator.

Voted on 2nd Art.

To authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars $15,000.

Voted on 3rd Art.

To lay the same on the table

Voted on 4th Art.

That all fines accruing to the Town Library be paid into the treasury of the Library instead of Town Treasury.

Voted on 5th Art.

To accept the road as laid by Selectmen recorded in Town Records pg.

Report

On the purchase of a fire engine for the town made by committee

Voted

To adopt the report and refer the same to the Selectmen with full power

Report

On new School House in center by committee see Report

Voted

To recommit the report to same committee to report next March

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

A true copy John H. McNeil Moderator

Attest J. L. Thompson Town Clerk

Report on Town Hall

The committee to whom was referred the future use of the Town Hall would respectfully submit the following report.

While fully recognizing the fact that the Town Hall is both private and public property, and should be used for the use of our own citizens. Still, the committee find themselves restricted by regulations in annual expenditures of the Town to guild expenditures to the sum of $887.00 without including the interest on the original cost.

While your committee are of the opinion that the Town should retain a private and liberal policy in this matter, still, they would recommend that a portion of the expenses for the care, warming and lighting of the Hall may be immediately benefited by its use, while the Town at large should share in the interest on the sum originally expended in its construction.

With these views the committee would submit the following rates of private and political meetings free

For use of Hall for a dance from 7 to 12 Oclock P.M. $5.00 after, 1. per hour $.50

For use of Hall when money is paid over and above for admission. from 7 to 12 P.M $5.00 after 12 Oclock. per hour $1.00,

For use by citizens from 7 to 11 Oclock P.M $2.50

For use of anteroom 50 cents

For daily use of Hall. Special contract with Selectmen.

The committee would further recommend that the Town instruct the Selectmen to employ some suitable person at an annual salary, who under the direction of the Selectmen shall have charge of all the public buildings in the centre of the Town, viz. Town Hall. Memorial Hall and School buildings.

He shall have general charge of these buildings, and shall be responsible to the Selectmen for a proper care of the same. He shall prepare the fuel for use, build a wood fire after the fires, see that the several rooms are cleanly, light and in order, shall trim the gas in Memorial hall, and render such other services as the chairman shall require. Shall see that all damages are promptly repaired, and report the same to the proper officers. Shall see that the snow around the buildings is removed at proper times. and all refuse matter removed from the buildings as directed by Special police. he shall have authority to preserve order and suppress all disturbance at public meetings. to look after the safety of the public buildings, to guard against fire, and to enforce all such rules as may be made for the regulation and preservation of the same.

Respectfully submitted by

J. L. S. Thompson
Calvin Holman } committee
Jewell Day

Lancaster Mar 31st 1877

1877

Report on Fish Breeding

The committee on restocking our ponds and Rivers with food fishes would respectfully submit the following report.

The first action on the part of the town to restock the Nashua River with Salmon and other food fishes, was in the spring of 1869, when the town chose a committee of three to examine the subject, to correspond with the Fish Commissioners, and to take such action as the interest of the town should demand.

The committee ascertained that the commissioners were ready to furnish a supply of young salmon, whenever they could be assured that the obstructions in the Nashua and Merrimack Rivers, were so far removed as to allow the fish an unobstructed passage to and from salt water. In order to learn what obstructions existed in the Nashua, one of the committee, Mr. Hill, made a thorough exploration of the Nashua river in 1870, in a row boat, from the stone bridge in Lancaster, to the river junction with the Merrimack. The obstructions and improvements of all kinds were carefully noted, and a full report of the facts, sent the commissioners.

It was found that the most serious obstruction was a stone dam at Nashua. As it was entirely upon private property, our commissioners had no power in the premises and could only urge the necessity of early action on the part of the owners.

But as the office of commissioner is purely political in that state, the matter has been delayed year after year and the fish-way is yet to be built.

But having received assurances that the fish way will be constructed, the commissioners have placed 20 000 young salmon from Maine in the north branch of the Nashua river, and subsequently 3000 from California, have been placed in Mr. Thayer's pond. In addition to this 20 000 land-locked Salmon have been placed in a small pond leased for the purpose. These together with those in Mr. Thayer's pond, have been fed once or twice a week during the winter and are making rapid growth.

But other varieties of fish are deserving of attention. The Wall Bass and Shad should be found in every stream and pond adapted to their culture.

Acting on this principle the committee in 1873 leased of the commissioners for five years, Great and Little Spectacle ponds, for the breeding of black bass, and the same year the committee purchased one hundred well developed black bass and deposited them in the two ponds.

As they found an abundance of food in their new quarters, they have made a rapid growth, and have greatly increased in numbers. They now 3 or 4 pounds or even larger, afford good sport to the fisherman, are hardy and self protecting, and very watchful for their young, and under favorable circumstances, they breed very rapidly. It is believed that these ponds are now well stocked with bass, and that they may safely be opened to our own citizens in 1878.

When a sufficient fishway is constructed at Nashua, Shad will be placed in the south branch of the Nashua river which is believed to be well adapted for their culture, and the committee are confident that a few years will give a good supply not only of Wall Bass, but also Salmon and Shad.

There do not seem to be any misapprehension on the part of some of our citizens relative to the stocking of ponds, and the breeding of fish. They are working very harmoniously with Lancaster has with money and are well stocked her ponds bring upon the same waters. Boston men and Rindly aid us in the business of fishing. Now this is all very well and we are much obliged for their sympathy

But our present opportunities have cost us both time and money, and we would suggest that they go and do likewise.

It is our opinion that the Legislature was and is, that all ponds and streams throughout the State adapted to the purpose, should be improved and stocked with the best varieties of fish. In some towns with every facility neglect their opportunities they should not expect to profit by the exertions and labor of others.

There are a large number of ponds in our state exceeding twenty acres in extent in a much larger number of streams and small ponds adapted to fish culture. If these ponds and streams were once well stocked with fish it would greatly add to the resources of our state.

Sixty eight out of the whole number of ponds, are already leased and actively engaged in the breeding of fish. While many of the streams are made profitable by the breeding of Shad and Trout.

When we consider the number of acres within our state covered with water (p. 342 which hitherto has only furnished a limited supply of Perch and Pickerel with other inferior fishes, and calculated the amount of food which such waters can furnish when once improved, we can at once see the importance of this subject for our security and protection in the future. The committee have secured a lease running to the inhabitants of Lancaster of Fort Great and Little Spectacle Ponds, for twenty years. In order that such leases may be properly executed, it will be necessary to choose a committee to act for the Town, we accordingly recommend, that a committee of three be chosen for this purpose, and the general care and supervision of the leased ponds.

Expenses

Amount expended in 1873-4 for leases. expenses of committee. purchase of 78 M Bass and placing same in ponds $150.

For 1875. for leasing. cleaning. and improving small ponds for breeding land locked Salmon $118.16

The amount voted in 1876 has been withdrawn from the Treasury. but a balance remains for future expenses

All of which is respectfully submitted by

J. L. Thompson for Com

Lancaster Mar 31 1877

1877 | Report on Fire Engine

The Committee on the purchase of a Fire Engine for the use of the Town would submit the following report –

While your Committee can readily perceive the necessity for the formation and support of a regular Engine to work our limited population, and while we recognize the necessity ~~of~~ existing dependence in case of serious fire, on the aid of the Steamer of Clinton, so generously extended in times past, still, the Committee are of opinion, that it will be neither wise or prudent to wholly neglect all means for our own protection –

And when we see the large amount of public property $100,000 or more, within a radius of 20 rods, every prudent citizen must see the wisdom of adopting some measures for the preservation of this property in case of fire –

And as the first thirty minutes at the beginning of a fire, with means adapted to the force that may be present, is worth more, and more real work will be accomplished, towards checking the fire, than twice the power when the fire has once gained headway. Therefore it will be wise to adopt such measures, as can be easily and quickly applied, until help can be obtained from Clinton –

But in the choice of means and instruments, we are unfortunately limited, as with our present population, it would be utter folly to purchase a machine that would require thirty or forty men to handle and work –

We must therefore adapt our means, to the force that can be quickly raised in times of danger –

Now your Committee know of but one Engine, (Hall's Improved) that will meet these conditions. Six men can manage this machine with ease, while two or three can easily move it from place to place, as it is mounted on wheels ready for use, and only weighs 500 lbs, and when disconnected from carriage, only 325 lbs –

The recommendations of this machine are –

1st It is light, but strong, and being mounted on wheels, is easily moved from place to place by two or three men –

2 It is readily manned and worked by from three to ten men, with four men on breaks water can be thrown 120 ft –

3 It has great power for a small machine, discharging with six men on breaks, about two bbl of water per minute through 3/4 inch nozzle –

4 It is simple in construction, not liable to get out of repair, and cheap, costing only $350 and with 300 feet of leading hose, only $550 –

But no Engine can be of much value without a liberal supply of water and even the Steamer from Clinton would be helpless under existing circumstances, as no water is found in the vicinity of our public buildings. And as no natural supply exists about the river, and as the perpendicular rise would be too great to depend on this source, the Committee see no adequate means, other than digging a large Reservoir in the ground between the Church and the Town Hall, to be fed with water from the roofs of these buildings – This would afford a good supply for a small machine in this vicinity, and for the Steamer throughout the village, as horizontal distance is no great objection with a Steamer –

Other Reservoirs could be built as occasion shall demand and our wants require

The Town of Groton has five Reservoirs with two engines –

A slight expenditure now, will be better than to wait until a serious fire has devastated our village, as it is liable to do at any moment. A fire at any point is ever a public loss, affecting more or less every citizen in the Town – and because it has been for a while

experience is no argument why we should escape in the future - and certainly no reason why we should neglect all precaution -
The Town is in a favorable condition to build - but it will not long be - and prudence will have us secure - Changes will be very likely to [illegible] we fail to take such precautions against the destruction of our public property by fire, as a wise consideration of all the conditions shall dictate -
The committee would therefore recommend that the Town choose a Committee who shall be authorized to purchase one Hand or Steam Fire Engines, of a character to be after a thorough trial - with the necessary length of leading hose - & devise a plan for safely keeping the same -
Also to build a large brick Reservoir between the Brick Church and Town Hall & of sufficient capacity to hold gallons, with the necessary pipes leading to the Church and Town Hall - to supply the same with water from the roofs of these buildings -
We would further recommend the formation of an Engine Co. with rules and regulations, and with such privileges as the Town shall determine -
Respectfully submitted by

Lancaster March 31 1877

(A S Thompson)
Calvin Holman } Committee
H D Humphrey)

1877

Report on New School House in Centre

The committee to whom was referred the question of a new School-building for the centre of the town, respectfully submit: That they have attended to the duties assigned them so far as seemed necessary; and find that a new building is very much needed. The structure known as the Academy building and occupied by the primary and grammar schools, is utterly unfit for the uses to which it is devoted. All that can be said in its favor is, that its timbers, so far as can be ascertained, are not very unsound. The building is poorly constructed, badly arranged; the walls are cracked, some have threatening to fall; it is out of plumb, out of square, out of joint, out of repair, out of fashion and should at once be put out of date. Every thing about it hangs awry. The window frames are wrenched into hideous shapes, the sashes refuse to conform to them, a dividing post exists between the doors and their frames; it is a house divided against itself, it is rent by dual government. In square and oblique, the difference is so great that the sashes of winter can enter only; and the only remedy is ultimately to give it to a commission which shall vote by at least 8 to 7 to build a new one.

But while admitting the great necessity for a better building for the schools at the centre of the town, the committee do not feel that it would be prudent for the town to meet the expense of building one this season. It is well known that the finances of the town are just now involved in some doubt; not a great doubt; but still a doubt, and it would seem to be the counsel of prudence to wait until this doubt is removed, and it is once more known precisely what our basis of income is, before incurring any extraordinary expenditure which can possibly be deferred—

The committee respectfully suggest therefore, that the building of a new school-house in the centre of the town, be for the present deferred, and that the old building be made as comfortable as may be this year at an expense not exceeding $50.

They further suggest that the town continue the consideration of a new building; and to that end refer the matter to a competent committee, to report at the next March meeting or at any town meeting called for that purpose—

Wm H Vinehill — for committee

Lancaster April 2d 1877

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday the fifteenth day of May next at two oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles —

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting -

2d To see if the Town will build a Reservoir between the North corner and Town House or act thereon

3 To see whether the Town will purchase the Fire Engine recently exhibited and tried, or act in relation to the same

4 To see whether the Town will cause a plan to be made of Eastwood Cemetery, or give any instructions relative to the expenditure of the Town Appropriation of three hundred dollars, or act in any manner relating to the same —

5 Hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon

6 To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Lancaster the North Village Post Office and Parish Meeting House in the said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this eighth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven — Edward L Houghton

Calvin Holman — Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss

Lancaster May 15th 1877

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at South Lancaster, the North Village, Post Office and Parish Meeting House in the said Town, seven days before the day of meeting

Joel Wilder Constable

1877

Proceedings of Town Meeting May 15th

The voters assembled at the Town Hall at 2 o'clock P M. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the clerk. and further organized by the choice of L & S Fletcher Moderator

On the 2 Art

Voted

Reservoir — To add S R Damon and Sewell Day to the committee for the building of a Reservoir between the Brick Church and Town Hall

Voted

Fire Engine — To refer the matter of the purchase of a Fire Engine to the same committee with instructions to take immediate action

Voted

To pass over the 4th Art

Voted

To authorize the Cemetery Committee to build a Fence in front of Old Common Cemetery at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

A true copy — L & S Fletcher Moderator

Attest J & S Thompson Town Clerk

Lancaster May 15th 1877

Officers Appointed by Selectmen

Lancaster Ap 21 1877

To Josiah Harris Greeting

Constable — You are hereby appointed a Constable in and for the Town of Lancaster for the year ensuing

Edward Houghton
Sworn to before me — Calvin Holman } Selectmen
Ap 21 J & S Thompson Jus Peace — A J Bancroft

April 21 1877

To Myron E Harvey. Greeting

Constable — You are hereby appointed a Constable. in and for the Town of Lancaster for the year ensuing

Edward Houghton
Sworn before me Ap 21st 1877 — Calvin Holman } Selectmen
J & S Thompson — A J Bancroft
Jus Peace

Lancaster June 9 1877

To Henry A Stowe Greeting

Sealer Wey — You are hereby appointed Sealer Wey for the pound belonging to the Town for the current year

Edward Houghton } Selectmen
A J Bancroft

Lancaster June 9th 1877

The following citizens are hereby appointed Fire Wards in and for the Town of Lancaster for the current year viz

Fire Wards

M b Hawkins (Senior)	Geo A Johnson
D. In Howard	Charles Fairbanks
Asa Estey	W A Kilbourn
John H Wood	

Lancaster June 9th 1877

To John E Farnsworth Greeting

We the Selectmen of Lancaster hereby authorize you as Chief in command of the military company recently organized in this Town - to take charge of the Fire Engine now purchased by the Town.

You will act under the direction of the Fire Wards whose names are given above

Edward Houghton
A J Bancroft } Selectmen

Memorabilia

During the year 1866 - measures were instituted for the erection of some suitable Memorial for our diseased Soldiers.
After much discussion it was decided to build a Memorial Hall, combining more use of those noble men who had given their lives for their country
This Hall was furnished a Library Room for town Library, Hist Soc Record Room
Memorial Hall — Reading Room, and Room for Natural History
The town voted to raise $5000. provided a like sum was subscribed by individuals
This was promptly done - the principle subscribers were

Hon Francis B Fay	$1 000
Jacob Fisher	500
Anthony Lane	500
Henry Wilder	500
Deborah Burns	500
L L Wilder	500
Geo Cummings	500
Jonas Cobb	200

with various smaller sums, until the amount was completed
After the plan was decided upon Nath[l] Thayer very generously offered to meet all the additional expense, that the building should be well and thoroughly finished and that he would meet the expense
During the year 1867 the building was erected at a cost of $
A noble monument to our deceased soldiers

Treas Notes 7 3d In circ Jan- [illegible]

In circ Feb

$50- No 9355-
100 - 37678
50 - 34548
100 - 69525